To: Our Collins Writing Program Colleagues  
From: John Collins  
Re: PD Resources and Online Options

I am energized about our virtual PD sessions, phone consultations and customized hybrid services. Please call me with your specific needs and we can create an experience that benefits your school, staff, and students.

Below are some examples of our options.

**Website Resources:**
- **Free Resources** - these include several assignments, focus sheets and tools that teachers can use to support student learning in all learning environments, including virtual. One that parents might find helpful is the *Parent Help Guide for Virtual Writing Assignments*
- **Newsletter** - our newsletter is updated weekly and includes tips and assignments that any teacher can use. Weekly we highlight writing assignments for all grades - primary through high school. Newsletter sign up for the newsletter for yourself or your faculty
- **Downloadable Publications** (located in our online store)

**Professional Development Options** (available both virtually and in person):
- Introduction to the Five Types of Writing
- Designing Online Writing Assignments
- Selecting and Teaching Critical Writing Skills or FCAs
- Three Essential Writing Assignments
- The Retrieval Routine: Using Cognitive Science to Help Students Retain Content and Think Critically
- Coaching of grade-level teams, departments or PLCs

**Online Courses**
We have three new online courses that can be taken for graduate credit or professional development hours through Castleton University in Vermont. Click on the links for details and registration.
- [Improving Student Performance Through Writing Across the Curriculum](#) Grades K-4
- [Improving Student Performance Through Writing Across the Curriculum](#) Grades 4-12
- [Meeting Literacy Demands in Career and Technical Schools](#)

Call my office or [email](mailto:) me if you would like to discuss your current or future needs with us.

Best,

John Collins