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This comment is regarding agenda item 8.2, in my role as the Director of Resources at 916 Ink I have had the pleasure of working with Pacific Elementary School for a number of years. For many year our work was in the classroom with Teacher of the Year Lisa Bettencourt. I have repeatedly been impressed by her dedication, creativity and determination with her students. 916 Ink serves 60 school sites across Sacramento County and I am often asked by administrators and educators what they need to do ensure that students in our programs are successful. My answer is always based on my experience with Lisa, for me she is the best example about what a meaningful supplementary program can look like on a school campus. When I tell new school sites what we need from them to help support the program with the their

students I am using all of the things I have learned from Lisa. She is a legend at 916 Ink and our staff are always excited to be working with her, they even fight over being assigned to her classes and when we have newly trained teaching artists I know I can send them into Lisa's classroom fully confident that they will get an opportunity to experience what collaboration ideally should be between educators and teaching artists.

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