

To Whom It May Concern:

We write this letter of reference for the professional learning program from CORE Learning/UnboundEd Learning, Inc.: **Online Language & Literacy Academy (OL&LA)** .

In 2024 , Wayzata Public Schools (WPS) enrolled over 300 educators in the OL&LA program. WPS selected the OL&LA program after careful review of the three training programs approved by the Minnesota Department of Education to deliver mandated teacher education of structured literacy instruction.

The OL&LA team was responsive and supportive during every step of the process. Their implementation/coordination team coordinated with our district to ensure our teachers had access and were paired in cohorts with their colleagues. The coordination team was flexible in designing a timeline for implementation that met the logistics and professional development calendar of our district. The program was well designed and easy to follow. They provided facilitators for our 14 cohorts and coordinated with our district Literacy Lead to ensure success for our teachers. The feedback from our teachers has been very positive. They report that the training challenged them to develop their literacy skills and build a rich knowledge of structured literacy teaching practices.

If you have any additional questions or clarifications regarding our experience with OL&LA, please feel free to contact us through the details below.

Sincerely yours,

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