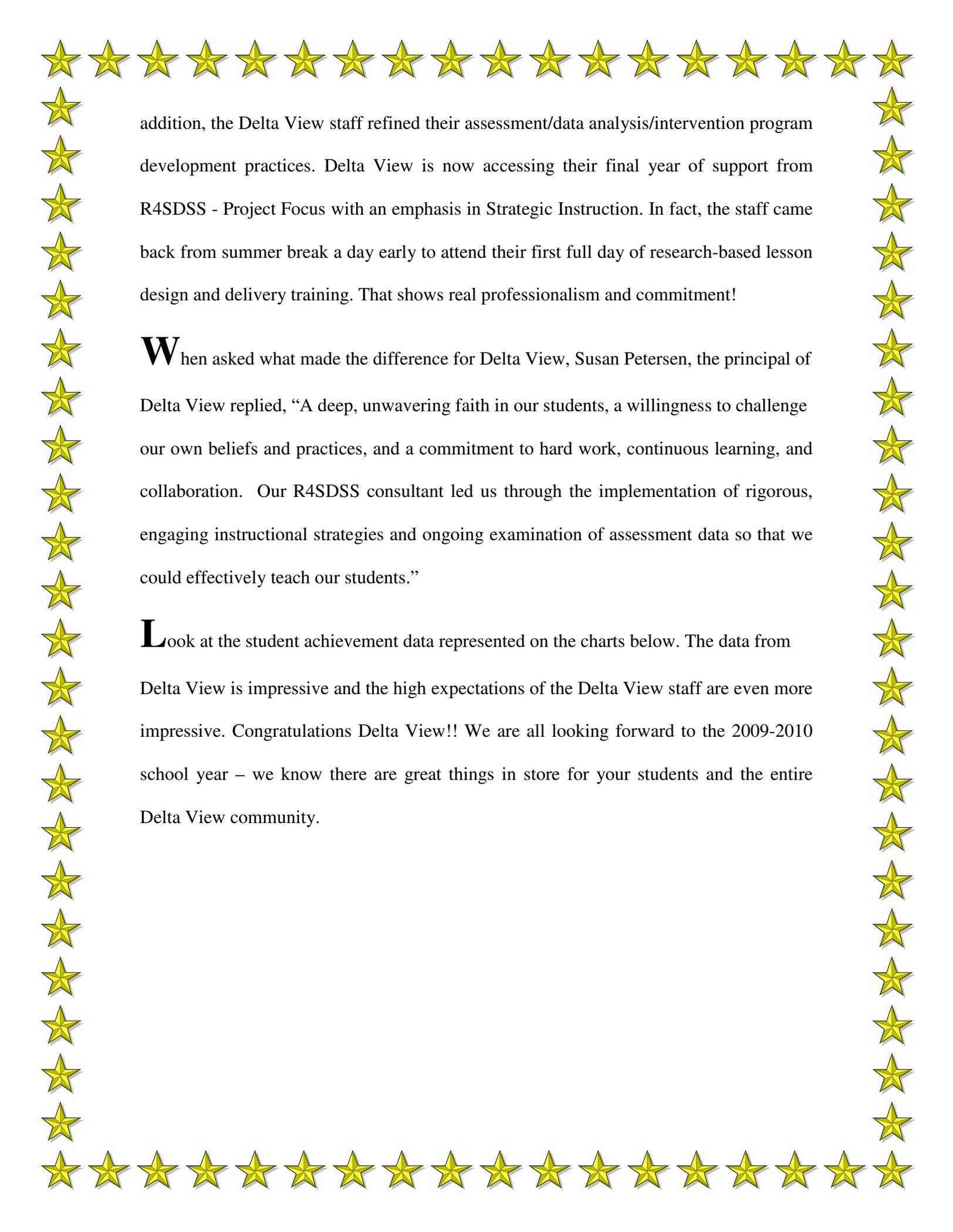




It's a Great Story

Today in California schools it is easy to find many things to cry about – loss of funding, loss of teachers, larger class sizes and escalating NCLB requirements – just to name a few. At one school in the Mount Diablo Unified School District, Delta View Elementary, there is another scenario that has brought folks to tears – fantastic advances in student achievement. It is a story of hard work, perseverance and plain old-fashioned passion and determination on the part of the principal, teachers, and students. Two years ago, the staff at Delta View entered into a partnership with Region 4 System of District and School Support (R4SDSS) and the Contra Costa County Office of Education to become a Project Focus School, with an emphasis in Mathematics. (Underperforming schools with high levels of socio-economically disadvantaged youth and high percentages of English Language Learners are encouraged to apply for Project Focus status.) At that time, R4SDSS provided on-site year-round professional development and implementation coaching on the bundle of math strategies called BoardMath®. As part of the Project Focus commitments, the school was also required to implement three comprehensive benchmark assessments (September, December, and late February). Using benchmark results, the staff learned how to inform their BoardMath® practices, as well as their daily instruction, content pacing and interim assessments. Finally, the staff developed support academies for students requiring extra instruction in specific standards. Last year, Delta View continued its partnership with R4SDSS to expand to the area of Reading/Language Arts (Project Focus Reading/Language Arts). Once again R4SDSS provided on-site year-round professional development and implementation coaching on the bundle of English/Language Arts strategies we call BoardLanguage®. In



addition, the Delta View staff refined their assessment/data analysis/intervention program development practices. Delta View is now accessing their final year of support from R4SDSS - Project Focus with an emphasis in Strategic Instruction. In fact, the staff came back from summer break a day early to attend their first full day of research-based lesson design and delivery training. That shows real professionalism and commitment!

When asked what made the difference for Delta View, Susan Petersen, the principal of Delta View replied, “A deep, unwavering faith in our students, a willingness to challenge our own beliefs and practices, and a commitment to hard work, continuous learning, and collaboration. Our R4SDSS consultant led us through the implementation of rigorous, engaging instructional strategies and ongoing examination of assessment data so that we could effectively teach our students.”

Look at the student achievement data represented on the charts below. The data from Delta View is impressive and the high expectations of the Delta View staff are even more impressive. Congratulations Delta View!! We are all looking forward to the 2009-2010 school year – we know there are great things in store for your students and the entire Delta View community.

Delta View Elementary School
Mt. Diablo Unified School District
R4SDSS Project Focus: Mathematics
CST Data - Percent Proficient and Advanced

Subgroup	2006-2007 Prior to Project Focus	2007-2008 Project Focus Implementation Year 1	2008-2009 Project Focus Implementation Year 2
School Wide	36%	60%	72%
Hispanic/Latino	19%	45%	64%
SED	30%	57%	65%
EL	27%	53%	69%
SwD	31%	54%	58%
API *Base - Growth	*692 - 682	*681 - 745	745* - 830 (estimated)

Delta View Elementary School
Mt. Diablo Unified School District
R4SDSS Project Focus: English/Language Arts
CST Data Percent Proficient and Advanced

Subgroup	2007-2008 Prior to Project Focus	2008-2009 Project Focus Implementation Year 1
School Wide	35%	57%
Hispanic/Latino	31%	48%
SED	27%	48%
EL	24%	45%
SwD	4%	58%
API *Base - Growth	*681 - 745	745* - 830 (estimated)

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