

## TEACHERS' COMMENTS ABOUT THE MENTORING PROGRAM

- I liked the information and support we received throughout the year.
- I liked having a mentor to answer any questions and also knowing that the mentor's sole purpose was to help me. It was comforting.
- My mentor encouraged me and offered sound advice.
- There was a multitude of feedback from my mentor, the new teacher cadre, and seasoned teachers. The camaraderie was great for a first year teacher. There were also many useful materials given to us.
- The program encouraged me to reflect daily about my teaching and also stressed reflecting with other teachers.
- It helped me go more in depth with my thinking and it gave me different ways to assess student learning that I hadn't thought about.
- Processing with my mentor and with the other new teachers helped me to think of different ways to reach my students.
- It helped me to see the positives in my teaching!
- I learned how to critically think through situations, set up goals, reach goals, organize thoughts and plans. I learned really good methods for classroom management, which allowed me to teach my lessons more effectively. The whole program helped me shape my ideas and in turn helped me to become a better teacher.
- My mentor had extensive experience in the classroom and numerous ideas to share that are relevant to my teaching.
- My mentor was positive and welcoming. She was always available when I needed her, and I felt comfortable talking to her about any issues.
- The professional conversations encouraged me to take leadership roles.
- The classroom visits and feedback were a favorite part for me.