

Dear Julia,

I remember when I first found out we had a District Literary Specialist. I was teaching a senior STAAR prep class and I had never taught one before. I was lost and you came to Ball and helped me come up with strategies and lessons to use with my students. Not only did you help me that day, but you continued to check on me and my class throughout the rest of the year. You went above and beyond what your job required.

I loved it when you came over to Ball to be an AP. My favorite thing about you as my administrator and observer was that you not only told me areas where I needed to improve, you would also give me suggestions on how to grow as an educator. A lot of administrators just point out flaws but don't provide suggestions. You helped me be a better me. You also were always available to be a sounding board for new ideas and would help tweak the ideas as needed.

Thank you for your help getting ARK Club off the ground. You believed in the mission of our club and not only helped us get it started at Ball High, but also helped spread our mission across the district. When we wanted to start Tor's Toiletries, you helped us build and promote the program. Your connections to parents and students is what allowed many families in need to know about our program and be able to take advantage of it.

Thank you for always having an open door policy in your office. I have spent many a stressful afternoon in there. You always let me vent and get things off my chest. If I needed advice you would offer it, but if I just needed to vent, you were there to listen. Thank you for being so supportive. You are more than just a principal, you are also a mentor.

Sincerely,
Allie Martinez