

LIASCD Mini-Grant Winner - 2008

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Project: Living Literacy - Job Embedded Professional Development

School District: North Babylon School District

Living Literacy: Job Embedded Professional Development connects literacy and communication using authors in the classroom to guide students and teachers through the process used by journalists around the world. Professional authors Dr. Jeri Fink and Donna Paltrowitz reveal the power of literacy, motivating students to listen, question, take notes, and communicate their “stories” in writing. Using standard journalism strategies, students will learn how interviews uncover the person within the story. Stories will be published and read by everyone in the school and community. Teachers become both participants and active observers, motivated by job embedded professional development that impacts their students during class time. Students will identify themselves as authors and maintain positive feelings about writing when they see their stories published. The experience will foster and enhance a “joyfully literate “ school community.