



2009 WASHINGTON STATE TEACHER OF THE YEAR

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Dear Ray:

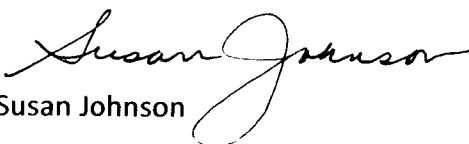
I want to extend a thank you for Saxton Bradley's generous sponsorship of the Washington State Teacher of the Year Program. Significantly, your generosity publicly supports excellence in classrooms across our nine Educational Service Districts. Your celebration of the nine Regional Teachers of the Year clearly reflects your recognition that education deserves a place of honor in Washington State.

Last Wednesday, Paul Kvinsland came to my high school with the gift of a \$2000 check from your company. I had intended to use this considerable amount to purchase a Smart Document Camera and a laptop to complement the Smart Board I had also received as a gift. What appreciation I felt when Paul informed me that Saxton Bradley will donate a Smart Document Camera to my classroom. As a result, I have consulted with a technology expert and have already placed my order for a laptop that will fully meet the needs of my classroom now enhanced due to the Smart technology we will continue to integrate into our lessons.

As an English language arts teacher, I use a document camera (not Smart technology) that is already in my classroom everyday in every class, for it allows me to display student work "on the spot." As a class, we then provide feedback for and find strong models in student writing. To integrate a Smart Document Camera, Smart software, and online resources, promises a rich and engaging learning environment for my students.

As you well know, thousands of educators across Washington State dedicate our careers to nurturing literate, analytical, and compassionate members of our communities and the larger democracy. Our calling carries a tremendous responsibility, and the public recognition you offer to educators will certainly play a critical role in guaranteeing the success of that work. Thank you for honoring our students.

In sincerity,


Susan Johnson