



SAMPLE Writing prompt for SBDM Principal Selection

You have studied how our governments in Kentucky and the US work: citizens get to vote for people to represent them, and then it is those elected representatives who make the decisions and pass the laws.

Something similar goes on here at SCHOOL NAME. The teachers get to vote for 3 teachers to represent them, and your parents get to vote for 2 parents to represent them on the school council. Then those council members make decisions and pass policies for the school.

The council's biggest decision is choosing a new principal. The 3 teachers and 2 parents on the SCHOOL NAME'S council want the best! But what is the best?

We would like your help in answering this question: what would make a person a great principal for SCHOOL NAME?

Please write us a letter telling us what abilities or character traits you would look for in a new principal. That means we want to know what you think this new person should be good at.

Why? We have to make the final decision, but we think if we all put our heads together, we will come up with great ideas. So here's the plan:

- 1) You write us letters.
- 2) We read your letters and make a list of your ideas (and some of our own) about what a good principal does well.
- 3) We send the list home to your parents, and out to all your teachers, and ask them to add their own ideas.
- 4) Finally, we go through all the ideas and make a list which we share with the superintendent, who may want to add a few more ideas of his/her own.
- 5) Then, we get to start looking through the applications for people who seem to match our list.

Students are important! You are important! So we are starting with you. We look forward to reading your letters so we can start making our list and finding the BEST principal for SCHOOL NAME.