

Williamston Middle School's Story

After attending Kevin Feldman's sessions on student engagement and literacy strategies during the 2010-2011 school year, a small group of Williamston Middle School teachers, led by their Rti coach Kelly Campbell, decided to try Feldman's strategies in their classrooms. They met with each other on a regular basis, even if it was just during the five minutes between class periods to share experiences. They observed each other during their prep hours, and found that the strategies were working with their students. Their excitement about the TLT initiative was infectious and pretty soon other teachers were asking if they too could be involved. By the end of that first year, every teacher in the school had experienced a Learning Walk.

The culture of the school is one of collaboration and camaraderie amongst colleagues. This culture became obvious to all who attended the first countywide Learning Walks led by Kevin Feldman in the fall of 2011 at Williamston Middle School. Five teachers invited educators from the Ingham ISD service area to observe their classrooms and offer feedback. Many of the participants reported that it was the best professional development session they had ever attended. Since then other schools have hosted Learning Walks, increasing collaboration amongst educators in several districts.