



# WE HELP PEOPLE IMPROVE THEIR ENGLISH

Because Literacy Unlocks Potential

City of North Port  
NP2 Initiative  
Carol Estrada  
Program Administrator

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Carol,

We are pleased to submit this six-month progress report on the grant-funded purchase of 17 document cameras. These devices have been successfully acquired and integrated into our adult literacy instruction program. Serving as the modern digital equivalent of traditional overhead projectors, the cameras enable clear, real-time sharing of printed materials, workbooks, and handwritten exercises during our online sessions conducted via Zoom or Google Meet.

The new cameras function exactly like the overhead projectors used in past in-person classrooms. Instructors can display textbooks, demonstrate exercises, and review student writing samples instantly while providing immediate guidance. Teachers can show real-time images of pages from books, worksheets, or pictures. They can point, highlight, or zoom in on difficult words, while students can easily share their own writing for quick feedback. All of this builds learner confidence and encourages rich discussion—whether in one-on-one tutoring or group settings—making our lessons far more visual, interactive, and effective.

This investment has been especially transformative for our volunteer instructors, many of whom are “snowbirds” who return to their northern home states each summer. With these document cameras, the more ‘tech savvy’ among them can now continue delivering uninterrupted, high-quality instruction from anywhere with an internet connection. This maintains strong student relationships and helps prevent some of the summer learning loss that previously affected our program.

Thank you again for believing that literacy is the foundation that unlocks human potential. We are deeply grateful for your generous support of our organization.

With gratitude and appreciation,

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