Three Tips for Writing Powerful

Narrative Statements

1. **Keep it simple – communicate a single observable idea about student performance. It may be a strength or a weakness.**

*“Forty-six percent of 3rd grade students were proficient on the 2016 ELA CRT.”*

1. **Make the narrative statement short and easy to read.**

*“The percent of English Language Learners at our school increased from 46% to 55% between 2015 and 2016.”*

1. **Avoid evaluative statements – just describe what you see in the data, not why or what to do about it.**

*“Twenty-two percent of parents state they do not receive information about ways to help their children learn at home.”*