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To Los Rios Senior Leadership Team,

I have been using the Organized Binder for four semesters in ENGWR 101 and ENGWR 300 at Sacramento City College, and they've proven themselves to be a valuable resource to myself and to students.

Benefits to me:

- They assist me in being organized myself
- They encourage me to be prepared for class
- Eliminate frustration with students not having materials for class
- Provide a communication link with students, which informs me of hindrances to their success in class. This allows me to direct them to resources such as the Writing Center or Counseling

Benefits to students:

- Keeps them organized
- Encourages preparation for class
- Lowers stress about assignment due dates and directions since they have them in the binder in clearly accessible sections
- Provides a communication link with me which helps us to connect more personally
- Becomes a resource for any future writing they will do since the binder stores handouts and notes on writing
- Teaches them the importance of goal setting (Gold page)

The OB system allows room for individualization. When responding to students' work, I often refer to a handout in their Academic Toolkit (F Section) or their unit Table of Contents (G Section) of their binders. Additionally, it is worth mentioning that Mitch Weathers is welcoming of suggestions to improve the binders' usefulness. For example, in one meeting with him, faculty suggested adding tabs to the binder sections, and he willingly incorporated that idea.

The biggest benefit to students, however, is that they learn how to be a good student. I cannot over-emphasize this point. Many of our students are first generation college students, and they do not know the importance of organization to their success. They learn that through the Organized Binder platform. Could they do this with a binder of their own? Yes. Would they? Most would not. My experience says that the ones who most need this knowledge would not get organized without Organized Binder.

As a first generation college student from a lower middle-class background, and former alumni of Los Rios and CSUS, the cost of college is still fresh in my mind. In the spring 2019 semester, my students will only need to purchase one textbook instead of two because of Organized Binder. In the fall of 2019

The system is helpful to me, and it is valuable to my students. I hope we continue to provide Organized Binder for our students.

Sincerely,

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