



## VPI's VIP SCHOOL IN THE SPOTLIGHT

# Walker Elementary School

### An Interview with...

*Allison Raborn*

Walker Elementary School is located in Livingston Parish. Principal Allison Raborn and staff are very welcoming and excited about inclusive practices. Principal, Allison Raborn, believes in inclusion and wishes she had more personnel to bring their school's inclusive practices to a broader scale.

**VPI:** Give me a brief description of your school.

**Mrs. Raborn:** I have a very innovative staff that is enthusiastic and ready to teach. We have 20 hours a week tutoring program Monday through Thursday for grades K-2. We are doing intervention programs like Earobics. We have shared tutors for every reading and math 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Before school we have a tutoring program for our 4<sup>th</sup> graders. We have a literacy night and a math and science night. Every grade level puts on two activities and the classes get very creative! We have one inclusion teacher and a paraeducator that go into classes. We do team teaching with a special education teacher in the fourth grade.

**VPI:** What are some accomplishments your school has made since the Summer Institute?

**Mrs. Raborn:** The way teachers approach their instruction has improved. Students are enjoying learning and the teachers are more aware to include students. The students are participating and doing well.

**VPI:** What are some challenges your school is facing with inclusive practices?

**Mrs. Raborn:** We need more collaboration time. I would like to have more time for conferences with parents, students, and teachers. Another challenge is personnel. We do not have enough personnel to cover the needs of our students. I would like at least three more people and I would also like to take more students out of resource. Some of our parents are also scared of inclusive practices because they do not know how it will affect their child.

### School Demographics

Grade Span:	K-5
Number of Students:	530
Low Income:	66%
English Language Learners:	0.0%
Caucasian:	85%
African-American:	14%
Asian:	0%
Hispanic:	1%
Native-American:	0%



**VPI:** What is the future direction your school will be taking with its inclusive practices?

**Mrs. Raborn:** I would like to work on getting more teachers. I would like to do inclusion on a broader scale because I know it works. I would also like to minimize large resources classes.

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