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I love learning! It doesn't matter if you are a young child discovering how a butterfly comes to be, a seasoned teacher feeling invigorated by a new approach or an administrator working with staff to uncover ways to increase student engagement, there is amazing power and energy in learning. For these reasons I make an effort to spend time growing and make sure to model this by learning alongside the teachers and other staff members at Bluff View Elementary. I consider my continual learning to

be an example of best practice principalship in action. A recent example of ongoing learning is my participation along with three Bluff View teachers in a personalized learning cohort offered through our service cooperative. The topic of personalized learning is an area I have noticed our teaching dabbling in and an area of education that also excites me. When an opportunity to be part of a yearlong cohort focused on personalized learning surfaced, I looked for teachers at Bluff View who had already shown interest in this topic and who would be willing to learn me. The three teachers and I attended a full day introduction earlier this fall and collectively agreed personalized learning is something we want to know even more about and incorporate into our school practices. As the teachers continue with their cohort, I will also continue in one designed for leaders who want to support teachers as they offer more personalized school experiences. I look forward to our continued growth as individuals and as a team and I am eager for us to find ways to share our new perspectives, knowledge and skills with other teachers at Bluff View.

