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Dear Ms. Scherer,

Since leaving classroom teaching four years ago, I have been writing articles – and chapters for books that exist only in my imagination. My dream is to have something published in *Educational Leadership* – and perhaps to see one of the books in print.

When I read in the March issue that the theme of the September *EL* was to be “Relationships,” I decided that I ought to be able to write something to submit by the April 30 deadline. Two hours later “Learning from Jessica” was in draft form. (If this is ever published I will change “Jessica” to “Jennifer” – but using the real name is an important part of my initial writing process.)

A month later, I found it in my computer and decided to “risk” sending it to Anne Meek who has become a good friend and mentor since I met her at the ASCD Convention in San Francisco in 1999. She was kind enough to give me some wonderful suggestions about how to bring focus to this overly long and rambling piece. Much of what she told me I already knew needed to be done. A major problem I have with writing is that once my “first draft” is on paper, I seem to lose interest when another idea catches my attention.

Since time is so short, Anne suggested that I send this piece to you “as is.” One of her suggestions was to read it out loud to someone. I had already tried that – reading it to my mother. We both got bored before I finished, and I realized that I probably have two or three articles here! I am most willing to put time into revision – and will do that eventually in any case.

I’m also enclosing a piece I wrote several years ago, just after I left classroom teaching. I have offered copies of it to participants at my workshops for parents and teachers – but have not known where I might submit it. Any feedback on “Are You Listening” would also be appreciated.

Thank you very much,

Bette Moore