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Dear Friends and Fellow Teachers,

Thank you for your interest in *Focus on Science* learning libraries. The files you have downloaded provide you and your students an opportunity to explore a sample that is representative of the entire library. Included is a title for elementary students, *How Animals Survive*, and a title for Intermediate students, *Interaction Among Populations*.

There are books that you can print out on your local printer or, alternatively, view on a computer screen. The books can also be projected onto white boards or smart boards for large group presentation. Please feel free to share these samples with your colleagues.

As you work with these materials, please note these special features designed to help you guide your student's science learning:

- **Different Versions** that support readers with varying abilities
- **Illustrations and Graphic Organizers** that are easy to understand
- **Active Reader Prompts** to encourage collaborative learning
- **Formative Assessments** to identify strengths and areas that need further support
- **Multiple Choice and Constructed Response Questions** that reflect statewide tests
- **Common Core English Language Arts Activities** to support students learning to read informational text
- **Standards-based Content and Science Activities** to encourage hands-on learning

We hope you find the FOCUS approach to benefit your students. Please don't hesitate to contact me directly with questions, comments, and ideas we can use to improve *Focus on Science*.

Sincerely yours,

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