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Secor: My name is Ashley Secor, and I teach fifth graders math and science at J.R. Ingram Elementary School in Lee County. I have been communicating [ph] the use of Schoolnet in my classroom, as well in all of Lee County. I've trained all of the elementary school teachers in Lee County to use the assessment portion of Schoolnet. And I also support them by taking lots of phone calls, and offering help on just creating tests, and giving tests, and just how it all works in the system. So I've been supporting a lot throughout the year [ph].

I use the assessment feature most of all. I create express tests for my students. So after I create a top—or after I teach a topic such as this week we did division with two-digit numbers. I go to Schoolnet and create an express test, and use that to assess my students quickly. After I've assessed them I can see which students performed poorly on the test, and I can group kids, and reteach. So I use myself or my tutor to reteach those kids. And then I can use—sometimes I make a new express test on the same topic. Or sometimes I just copy that assessment to give to my kids.

Occasionally I create my own items, especially if it's a topic that's not in the system. Like I currently used Schoolnet to create a battle of the books test with my authors and the books that the kids could match up as we were preparing for battle of the books. So occasionally I create my own tests in the system.

If there is somebody who is not using Schoolnet in the classroom, you are really missing out. Just the use of the express test, and the way it pushes straight to the grade book, and you don't have to do any work. Pushes straight to the grade book for you. You can remove it if you don't want to use it. You can adjust scores there. So it's just a tool and a resource that teachers have with tons of data and easy for teachers [ph].

I've seen Schoolnet improve instruction in my class a lot. The kids—I know I'm a lot more aware of exactly where kids are on each standard. So I can pull up the standards master report. I use all the data on the home screen in Schoolnet. And I can see exactly where kids are, and know which standards I need to reteach, and which ones they've mastered, and then we can move on [ph].

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