

## Three Tips for Writing Powerful Narrative Statements

**1. Keep it simple - communicate a single idea about student performance.**

*“7<sup>th</sup> grade reading achievement on the ISAT increased 34% between 2017 and 2015.”*

**2. Make the narrative statement short and easy to read.**

*“The number of English Language Learners at our school increased from 25 to 45 between 2015 and 2017.”*

**3. Avoid evaluative statements—just describe what you see in the data, not why or what to do about it.**

*“38% of our parents state they do not receive information about ways to help their children learn at home.”*