**Topic 1**

In a brief paragraph or two, please describe the most significant insight you’ve gained from your service learning experience. Why do you consider it to be so significant? How will you use that insight to better prepare for your future professional work in the public schools?

The most significant insight I gained from my service learning experience is that I am a support system more than I am a leader. I realized this as I analyzed my behavior, thoughts, and actions with the emotionally and behaviorally challenged students at Flying Colors. This is significant because, as a student in the Special Education/Elementary Education dual-endorsement program, I am expected to be a leader. However, that role has never clicked with me.

In my future professional work in public schools, I need to have the knowledge and understanding of processes of working with children in the EBD classrooms. But that does not mean I have to control and have power of the entire classroom at all times of the day. As a support system, I can help the controller keep *their* control and only enter into the role of power and control of the classroom when I do special events and projects as a future art therapist.