



# Prince George's County Public Schools

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To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that I write in support of the Take Charge of Your Life Juvenile Diversion Program, Inc. Their Brotherhood and Sisterhood Leadership Program has had a profound impact on the lives of many students in Prince George's County Public Schools.

Two of our middle schools, Thurgood Marshall and Charles Carroll, entered into contracts to provide juvenile support services during the 2007-08 and 2008-09 academic years. As truancy, school suspensions, and discipline referrals increased in some of our middle schools, the Take Charge Juvenile Diversion Program has been instrumental in our efforts to address the needs of our youth. There has been a major reduction in disciplinary referrals: suspensions dropped from 499 to 82 at Thurgood Marshall Middle School and from 309 to 69 at Charles Carroll Middle School. In addition, there has been an increase in student grade point averages and school attendance.

Prince George's County Public Schools recommends the in-school juvenile Brotherhood and Sisterhood Leadership Program without reservation.

Sincerely,

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