



Friday, May 08, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Thurgood Marshall Middle School located at 4909 Brinkley Road, Temple Hills, Maryland 20748-5299, I am happy to partner with the **Take Charge Juvenile Diversion Program, Inc.** to provide Mentoring for Success services as outlined in our Memorandum of Understanding for selected scholars at our school.

Please allow me to first thank the committee of members who selected Thurgood Marshall Middle School to partner with the Take Charge Juvenile Diversion Program. Since our partnership last year, we have found that this program has had a profound impact on the lives of many students academically, socially and emotionally. Mr. Datcher and Mr. West have maintained their diligence, dedication and sensitivity with their assigned caseload and other TMMS scholars. They have helped countless students through difficult periods in their lives. They have helped with keeping scholars in school to maintain their attendance and academics.

Please note our suspension rate has declined dramatically since 2006, as stated below. Continued efforts are in place to decrease the number of students suspended.

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| 2006-499 (Mr. Adams- without Take Charge) | <u>Honor Roll:</u> 11 - 1 st QTR. 3.0 or higher |
| 2007-225 (Mrs. Fossett-with Take Charge) | 16 - 2 nd QTR. 3.0 or higher |
| 2008-82 (Mrs. Fossett-with Take Charge) | 11 - 1 st QTR. 2.5-2.9 |
| | 13 - 2 nd QTR. 2.5-2.9 |

In closing, we are fortunate to have such wonderfully caring people as Mr. Datcher and Mr. West. They are to be commended for the good they do for so many students and parents in helping them deal with a variety of problems and in their times of need.

We recognize the financial crisis that our county is experiencing; however, our hopes are that this partnership will continue as we know that it is in the best interest of our TMMS scholars.

Should there be any further questions or concerns regarding the submission of this letter of support, please feel free to contact me at 301-702-7540.

Educationally Yours,

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Dear Dr. Green,

Much to my chagrin, I have heard that because of budgetary constraints we are losing the Brotherhood and Leadership Mentoring Program (BLMP) at Charles Carroll Middle School. The BLMP has had a tremendous impact on the students and staff at Charles Carroll. The program has helped build capacity in our students and the BLMP staff has conducted trainings in the following areas:

- Student workshops (angry Mgmt, Bullying, Character Ed., etc.)
- Parent workshops (Relationship Building)
- Fieldtrips (Museums, History)
- Mediations
- Grief Counseling
- Professional Development (staff training on gangs)
- Mentoring groups
- Weekend Outings (Life Skills)

This is just a sample of the vast impact this program has had our school culture. We have also seen a dramatic decrease in our suspensions because of this program. The goal is to keep children in school. We currently only have 39 out of school suspensions this year as opposed to 160 by this time last year. That is a remarkable improvement. I completely support the BLMP. I know that these are tough times and programs like this are needed but costly to maintain in a recession.

If you need further clarification or have any concerns, please contact me directly.

Respectfully,


Dr. Wood