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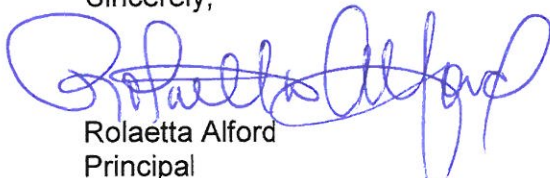
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I am writing this letter on behalf of Jerrod Mustaf and his staff at Take Charge Juvenile Diversion Program. Take Charge's program and staff brings a professional and caring aspect to the work that they do with the students in our district. They are highly regarded school administrators, teachers and parents who come in contact with them. Several teachers have reported that they have seen improvements academically, in life-skills, and self-confidence in the students who attend their program sessions regularly.

The Take Charge Invention specialist pulled groups on a weekly basis. Students participated in a physical exercise before the meeting to cover the Take Charge Curriculum. The students participated in arts and crafts, journal writing and group sharing. Students were also seen on an individual basis if needed to address any problems. The parents of the students enrolled in the program valued the services their children received and requested they continued to work with their children throughout the school year. Teachers invite the intervention specialist in the classroom to observe the students and how they interacted with each other in to assist in planning the individual interventions. The program gave Take Charge T-shirts to students to wear on their meeting day. This made the students stand out creating interest in the program from other students.

Take Charge is not only concerned with the academics, but is also concerned with the students' well-being. Their approach to education is holistic, which often leads to discussions about the best ways to engage parent involvement programs and social services supports for students who appear to have other barriers to success. We have worked in collaboration to identify and address some of the social services needs of the students attending the Take Charge Juvenile Diversion Program over the past several years. The Take Charge Program has truly been a benefit to the students of Carmody Hills Elementary School. We continue to refer students to program as issues come up. The program gave Take Charge T-shirts to students to wear on their meeting day.

Sincerely,



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