



## Accokeek Academy

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Mr. Jerrod Mustaf  
Executive Director  
Take Charge Juvenile Diversion Program, Inc.  
7610 Pennsylvania Ave., Suite 205  
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Dear Mr. Mustaf,

During the 2015-16 school year Take Charge reached out to our Academy to offer services to youth who were exhibiting disruptive behaviors. Sixth, seventh and eighth grade counselors identified 25 students for a pilot program to provide an eight-week behavior development/modification curriculum based on the success of the Take Charge Program.

In order to change the mindset of these youth, they became part of your Future Leaders Academy and were taught the characteristics of successful leaders. Many of the youth were outspoken and needed a positive channel for their energy and voice. They learned appropriate ways to "be heard" and to express themselves in ways that would yield positive results.

I am pleased to report to you that the counselors noticed significant changes in the participants of this program. In addition to reduced disrupting classroom incidents and suspensions, several of the youth began to show improvements in academic performance. Two participants who also worked with our staff improved their GPA by 0.5, making them eligible to be promoted to ninth grade.

On behalf of Accokeek Academy, I want to thank you for creating this forward thinking program that helps to transform our behavior-challenged students into more responsible and respectful members of our school community.

Sincerely,

Donald King  
Assistant Principal

*"Our vision is to become a child-centered professional learning community with a culture of continuous improvement where respect, effort, efficacy and excellence abound."*

*Learning Together Achieving Together...THE ACCOKEEK WAY!*