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Dear Ms. Young:

When the Cloud9World Program was introduced at Sunland Park Academy for the 2016 -17 academic school year, it was welcomed with enthusiasm. We just knew that it would provide our elementary students with an enrichment of supporting materials and engaging activities that could be combined with the daily academics lessons, as well as elevate our current district-wide BCPS Character Education Program (*which has been implemented throughout the past 5 years*) to another level.

We strongly believe in the (SEL) Social & Emotional School Vision and Mission statement for our school goals as basically stated“... to make a difference in the lives of our students by providing them with learning experiences and opportunities to achieve high levels of academic performance.” More importantly, it is through the fostering of positive growth in social, emotional, and work behaviors, that students are able to learn the necessary skills to become successful adults within their communities, society, and the workplace.

The effects not only promotes learning of essential social skills and awareness within our student, it also provides a level of student engagement that positively impacts teacher and student relationships. Like our teachers, all school staff shared in the confidence and praise that the Cloud9World program serves to align and adhere itself with our school PBIS plan.

It goes without saying that it is with the support and implementation of the Cloud9World Program that we can continue providing our elementary students with enhanced abilities to achieve their goals and more for future success.

Sincerely,



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To Whom It May Concern:

Walker Elementary is a Pre-K to 5th grade performing arts magnet public school located in the city of Ft. Lauderdale in the Broward County, Florida. Walker has received a grade of F in 3 of the past 6 years. For the 2014-2015 school year, Walker received 49 student achievement points, which was the lowest achieving traditional school in Broward County. Due to systemic concerns and poor performance the entire school was repurposed after the 2014-2015 school year. One of the first decisions made when thinking about the monumental task of turning around Walker, was to implement a character education program that would be the backbone of our School-Wide Positive Behavior Plan. The severe behaviors at Walker before Cloud9World was introduced included daily fist fights, students walking out of class to hang out in trees, climbing on the roof and needing to be escorted down by police, brawls in the cafeteria, confiscation of drugs and weapons, and teacher assaults.

The journey of Walker Elementary and Cloud9World has been a story of character transformation. Cloud9World provided a foundation for social-emotional learning that helped our students understand and apply character in a unique way that empowered them to change their own life outcomes. The unifying language of Cloud9World brought the school together in an extremely positive way, while providing each student with a character strength book to take home, read with parents and families, and keep as their own every month. We incorporated Cloud9World into our student of the week program, by announcing a student from every class that exhibited the monthly trait on morning announcements, and incentivized the great character with visits to our school store. Cloud9World is part of the Walker success story that now includes, 2015-2016 Broward County School of Character, dropping the percentage of students who were critically absent by 50%, and decreasing Workman's Comp claims due to student aggression 100%. Third grade reading scores almost doubled in the past year, and all data trends show that the school's letter grade will increase when test scores come in. The ability to give every student a quality literary text, with so many of our students having limited resources at home, is a significant step in enhancing student achievement.

We recently spoke with Captain Steven Scelfo of Ft. Lauderdale Police. He commended our students, parents, and staff with what he called "one of the most dramatic improvements" for a school that several years prior, many parents were afraid to send their students and where some teachers were afraid to work. Cloud9World is an essential component to the fabric of Walker pride. The commitment by our students, teachers, parents, and community, to character education is not just having a positive impact on school-wide tone, it is evident that it is being integrated in language arts, science, math, S.S., and the Arts by the improvements academically. In order to turnaround the school, we have to educate the entire child. Cloud9World educates the whole child, and certainly has educated the entire Walker community.

Sincerely,

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Re: Cloud 9 World

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Fri 6/9/2017 10:58 AM

To: Kimberly C. Young <kimberly.young@browardschools.com>;

Dear Cloud9 World Staff:

This school year, I was thrilled that Royal Palm was awarded with this wonderful character education program. The amazing books for each child was such a great opportunity for our students to increase their personal libraries. The online component and the resources that they provided were easy to use and the website is very user friendly. I loved having the convenience of the morning announcements readily available. I am looking forward to having the program to be implemented next school year.

Sincerely,

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