

## Elmer, Linda

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**From:** Bohl, James  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 29, 2016 8:29 AM  
**To:** Elmer, Linda  
**Subject:** FW: Please support the CSRC recommendation to renew Escuela Verde's 5-year contract

**From:** Brie Noble [<mailto:speakpeace@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 28, 2016 9:19 PM  
**To:** Bohl, James  
**Subject:** Please support the CSRC recommendation to renew Escuela Verde's 5-year contract

I am a parent of a junior at Escuela Verde named Diya who is thriving in the one-of-a-kind environment that this small yet dynamic school has created for her.

I am contacting you to request that you support the CSRC recommendation to renew Escuela Verde's five-year contract. The opportunities for rich learning that have been offered to my daughter by the caring and passionate staff at E.V. are unparalleled. The hands-on, community-oriented project-based curriculum has nurtured her leadership skills, developed her talents and stretched her out of her comfort zone to achieve so much more than could have happened in any other setting. She loves learning, she dives head-first into projects, has been nurtured by their Restorative Circles, their provision of resources to learn and engage with her community, and has learned to really think for herself and think about her role in the broader community. She loves her days at E.V. so much that she argues to go to school with such fierce enthusiasm even on days when transportation may be difficult for our family, or there are snowstorms, or I'm sick that her zeal insures that we figure out how to get her there.

The advisors and staff that the school attracts are passionate and dedicated, and their expertise is nicely balanced as a team. They consistently model healthy communication, care, and compassion while expecting great things from each unique student. I am so happy that we found this school for our 15-year-old when we did. She's been attending since grade seven. We intend to send our younger daughter there as well. This school has been such an important part of my 11-th graders development that I urge you to consider renewing the contract for our family's sake. But more importantly, this school represents an efficiently-run model of evidence-based education that is accessible and an asset to it's community. To imagine this model of education spreading out across Milwaukee and changing lives of other families makes delight in the future of our city and our country. These students, launched out into the world with their sense of integrity, responsibility and leadership fully cultivated by the EV community will be a powerful force in our society.

Thank you for considering my request to support the CSRC recommendation to renew E.V.'s 5-year contract.

Gratefully,

Brie Noble, MPH, CPC

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"I wish I could show you when you are lonely or in darkness the astonishing light of your own being."  
~Hafiz