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To Whom it May Concern:

I am honored to be able to write this letter from two different perspectives with full support of Darrell Lynn Hines Academy. I have been employed with DLH Academy for six years and I am also a proud parent of three DLH Academy scholars.

Prior to enrolling my children at DLH Academy, I had no knowledge of the IB program or how it would benefit my children. In 2018, my oldest child graduated from DLH Academy with honors as the Valedictorian of his class. Based on his learning experience with the IB program at DLH Academy, he was eager to continue his education as an IB student at Rufus King High School. He will graduate this spring with a full IB Diploma which will further assist him with his future college endeavors.

Currently, I have twin daughters in the fifth grade, both of which have been enrolled since they were in K4. Keeping up with twins academically can be a challenge, but with the help of the amazing elementary teachers, both of my daughters have continued to excel academically above their grade level expectations. The teachers focus on the individual academic needs of each scholar to ensure that they learn at their appropriate pace.

During the pandemic, I learned that DLH Academy is not just a place of learning; it is one of the only places some students can obtain a nutritious meal, feel safe, and feel loved. Fortunately, the DLH Academy administrators worked countless hours to prepare a plan to ensure that our students could continue their education with minimal disruption. Students were provided with nutritious meals and the necessary tools to participate virtually until they were able to return safely in person.

It is my understanding that it is time for a contract renewal for Darrell Lynn Hines Academy. On behalf of the DLH Academy alumni, parents, scholars, and staff, I respectfully ask that you grant a contract renewal for another five years of excellence to spread among the youth in the city of Milwaukee. I wholeheartedly believe that it takes a village to raise a child and I am grateful to have the Darrell Lynn Hines Academy family as part of my village.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours Truly,



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