

Letter of Support by Sharon Abdullah-Alli
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At
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To Who It May Concern:

This letter of support is to express gratitude to The Embrace Girls Foundation, Inc. for their diligence in ensuring that the learning environment for its members is nurturing, and that each member and their family are treated with the upmost care and respect. This program is consistent in providing academic support.

The goal in this program was to assist members with their daily learning targets as outlined by the pacing guide and implemented by the classroom instructor. Therefore, tutoring learners with their home learning was an extension of their class work. This was implemented daily hereby extending the opportunities to improve learners' performance in all areas in the school climate.

Members in the program were accepted from first-fifth grade. Each grade level/module are assigned 2-1 instructor depending on module size. This is one facet of the program another group which was targeted was the low twenty-five, this group forms a separate module. Tutoring was geared at meeting the learners at their level and moving them by creating that nurturing and safe environment, thus, enhancing the girls' motivation to strive for the BEST they can be. Apart from the tutoring it gives me great pleasure to expound on how students' grades are tracked and monitored for each grading period. Members attendance and behavior is also monitored. Each component of the member's school cycle is entered in a data base. A numerical number is given for grades F-A. Listed below is the breakdown:

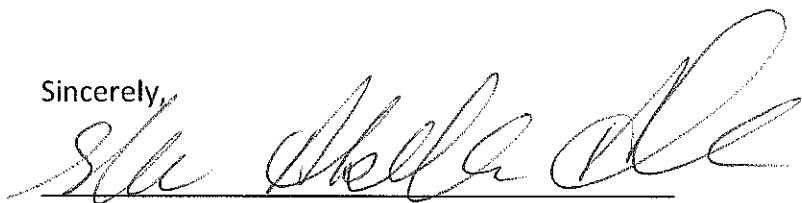
A-90, B-80, C-70, D-60, F-59

The grades for each grade level is average out to determine what was the average grade per core subject and grade level. The 2016-2017 grade average for first grade was 70% in Math, Science and Reading. Second grade maintained an 80% average in Math, Science and 75% in Reading. Third grade average 80% in Math, 80% in Science and 70% in Reading. Fourth grade average in Math and Science were 70%, however in Reading the average grade was 60%. Fifth grade maintained a 70% average in Reading, Science and Math.

Parental involvement plays a critical role in this program. Their involvement with the program creates a home school connection. Members in this program have an excellent rapport with their teachers and administration. It is linking cube that pulls families, friends, and stakeholders together.

During special school events the members, staffers, and families come together to create fun filled signature 'Embrace Girl family memories'. Embrace girls creates a unique bond with not only its members but the community as well. Through its signature tea parties, members gain confidence and are assertive in their representations of themselves. And what's an embrace girls' tea without their trademark etiquette and interviewing skills. The girls met influential figures from the community such as the Mayor of Miami Dade-County Carlos Gimenez, Bert Medina vice president, general manager at Channel 10, Aetna Health Care, McDonald franchise owners and many others. They also visited the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington which made history come alive. The opportunities that are presented by this program is phenomenal. I strongly support The Embrace Girls Foundation, Inc. and all its endeavors to raise the bar for success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'S. Abdullah-Alli', written over a horizontal line.

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