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To Whom It May Concern,

Joseph Welsh School has been a wonderful experience for our family. I have children in grade 3, grade 2, and in Kindergarten. In our journey over the last 4 years since starting our children in the school system, we have encountered many issues, some heart breaking. We've dealt with bullying from students. School was beginning to be a very scary place for my children and for myself. When I interviewed at Joseph Welsh I was first very impressed with the attention given to myself from the principal Mike Fritz. He assured me that my children would be in a very caring, proactive, learning environment. I was very intrigued by the 7 Habits of success that was implemented in the school.

We have now been at Joseph Welsh almost 7 months and it has been life changing for our family. I LOVE the fact that my children are being challenged to be better individuals in our society. My son in grade 3 had never received an award before and he was so delighted to receive an award for being proactive. It gave him real incentive to try harder. The hallways are decorated with the children that have achieved one of the 7 Habits and we are able to admire them and congratulate them. As a mother I'm able to read about the habits in our monthly newsletters and cheer on the children at an assembly. One of the hugest impacts in my life as a mother in the school system is that I'm so welcomed by all the staff and my sons' teachers to be proactive with my children in the classroom and volunteer or just sit with my child to spur them on. The school is very accommodating.

We are so impressed with our experience that when my husband took a job in Leduc we chose to stay living in Red Deer for the very purpose to stay with Joseph Welsh School. I no longer feel the need to have to leave the school "system" to educate my children. It would be great to see more schools take the challenge and implement the 7 Habits of success so that more families can enjoy their experience at school.

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