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Grade: 2nd
School: Thurgood Marshall E.L.
District: Christiana
Teacher: Ms. Martin

My Teacher

Across the country, there are many teachers, but my teacher is the best! My teacher is great at teaching. She spends a long time explaining things to people who don't understand. She is very patient. She is also very kind. I can't wait to go to school tomorrow so she can teach me!

There is a poem called "The New American Dream." It perfectly describes my teacher. "Give them all to me, in whatever form they come, and the people within the walls will help." My teacher teaches everyone in the class, no matter how poor or rich, how smart or challenged a person is. This is what I admire about her. She is always willing to help.

Mrs. Martin knows that many people in my class have talents. She knows that we can earn scholarships based on most of our talents, like sports, writing and drawing. To help us, she enters us in many contests. These contests help us get those scholarships to pay for college. The contests help us remember things people forget easily like "eat healthy foods" and "stand up for human rights" and they help us know things in everyday life. My teacher has to do extra work trying to find contests for us! And I appreciate that.

My teacher really helps children. She believes people who struggle and believes those who need help should get extra help, and people who already succeed the levels she is teaching deserve to be in higher challenging groups. She has already done that for some of my classmates and it is really helping them. The children who are great at reading or math don't get bored all day and get things that are their level and people who need help can start to get to the level they should be at so they can learn awesome techniques my teacher teaches.

During this school year so far I have learned many new things. My teacher taught me how to compare fractions and add 2-digit numbers. Everything she teaches me gets me 1 step closer to being "The New American Dream." That is why my teacher is the best teacher in the world.

The American Dream

Dear Secretary Murphy,

There is a special person in my life that I think is helping me to achieve the American dream. This person is my Talent Development teacher Mrs. Bin-Yusif. There was a point in my life that I felt as if I should have given up, I should have ended it all, but she helped me get through it. She may not have noticed but the things she said and done changed me a lot. She helped me to get help and change my perspective on what I have to do in life. There was also a point where I felt like I was being left behind in the "learning race". She changed all that for me and guided me to the front of the pack and had me feeling top dog. I thought I had no potential at all but she brought it out in me. I had a fixed Mindset for quite a while. I thought people were stuck with a certain knowledge capacity for life. That happened to be my excuse for all school related things. People knew that was not true, that I would stay dumb. Mrs. Bin-Yusif showed me the truth. I didn't want to believe it but it smacked in my face. When I heard this I shifted myself in gear, ready to excel. I started to actually study and do my

work. It's at a smooth pace and all my work is not thrown in my face. I take on the daily challenges calm and collectively and focus on the task at hand. I would not have even thought of trying if it had not been for my teacher. Mrs. Bin-Yusif changed my ways of thinking and holding on to my sanity. Now I'm on my way to the American dream Mrs. Bin-Yusif is the one who is helping me achieve this goal of stardom.

Sincerely,

Scot Nordmeier

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School -	Gauger-Cobbs MS
District -	Christina
Teacher's name -	Katherine Bin-Yusif
Subject taught -	Talent Development

Callahan Smith

11th Grade

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Mrs. Brown

Competitive Science

The American Dream

This is my 12th year going to school in the Red Clay Consolidated School District. Over the course of these 12 years I've had the pleasure of being taught by around 50 different spectacular teachers. Mrs. Brown has been my teacher for the past two years. I can honestly say that this woman has been the most positive influence in my life these last two years. During this time she has not only taught me a lot about biotechnology, she also taught me a lot about life. She told me that I could be somebody and I could go to college. I grew up thinking that the American dream was to be a doctor or a lawyer, have 2 kids, a white picket fence, a wonderful husband and a dog named Spot. To be happy in America, I thought that one had to achieve that American Dream. But what is the real American Dream? I've recently realized that as long as you're happy, that's the American Dream. You don't have to have lots of money, you don't have to have kids, and you don't NEED anything to be happy. The woman who taught me this is Mrs. Brown. She taught me that different things make different people happy. My idea of the American Dream is to be a teacher and to be the positive influence that Mrs. Brown was for me for other young adults in the future. I want to be a teacher because of Mrs. Brown. I hope to one day help young adults, like myself, just as Mrs. Brown has helped me. Growing up I have always lacked parental figures at

home, but school has always provided that for me. Different teachers over the years have been there for me as fathers and mother. They helped me learn to believe in myself and see that my American Dream is possible. I can never thank Mrs. Brown thank enough for everything she has done. Mrs. Brown believed in me when I did not believe in myself.