



Letter of Support: Greater Trinity Academy

When it comes to supporting children to succeed in school and life, we have our work cut out for us. Across the country, we know that far too many kids arrive on their first day of school already behind. Countless communities face the reality that too few children can read at grade level by the end of third grade, making them far less likely to graduate from high school.

But we have good news.

There's an inoculation against many of the educational challenges facing our children, families and nation: high quality early learning. Scientific research on early childhood shows that what happens during a child's first five years can matter for a lifetime. This research gives us a roadmap for how to best support children during their early years: stable, responsive, nurturing relationships and rich learning experiences.

And here's where the news gets even better. Greater Trinity Academy (GTA) lives and breathes this roadmap. When the foundation first visited GTA we saw evidence everywhere – from the teaching and leadership team's deep knowledge of early learning to the choice of curriculum that supports the emotional, social, intellectual, physical and creative aspects of each child's development. The result of GTA's thoughtful, grounded approach is inspiring: children are eager to learn and ready to thrive, while parents and caregivers find themselves part of an ongoing community of support.

Decades of compelling research proves that investing in high quality early childhood education yields a substantial return. Greater Trinity Academy translates this research into action and we are, all of us, better for it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Jackie Bezos". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "J" and "B".

Jackie Bezos

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