

LEARNING FOR LIFE
EDUCATOR
LETTERS OF SUPPORT

Learning for Life
Pre K-12 Programs *Student Success*



Mary Fischer

The School Board of Lee County, District 1

February 6, 2019

Learning for Life has been a partner with our school district for the last 26 years.

The LFL mission, "To develop and deliver engaging, research based academic, character, leadership and career focused programs aligned to state and national standards that guide and enable all students to achieve their full potential", aligns with our Lee County, Florida School District mission. "To ensure each that student achieves his/her highest personal potential."

Learning for Life's team of educators have developed a supplemental PreK-12 educational program that uniquely integrates its character development program with the core academic content areas.

This character education program has serviced thousands of students, trained hundreds of educators, and involves community volunteers.

The Learning for Life curriculum is age appropriate and grade specific which makes it easier to implement to our students. One asset is that educators have written the curriculum and made it extremely flexible so that any teacher is able to modify and adapt the lessons to any of our students in our schools.

The best part is that all of the services, materials, resources have never cost the school district any money! The program is state funded, but limited, and we would like to see additional support in order to bring this educational character education program to all of our students.

A vast majority of all schools and educators using the program have specifically noted students participating in LFL have had very positive results which have included improved or maintained academic performance, an improved student understanding of decision-making skills, and improved behavior or reduced referrals.

The School District of Lee County is grateful to have LFL in 35 of our schools serving over 19,000+ students. The kids report that they enjoy the lessons and activities. We thank the teachers who deliver the programs, along with the community volunteers and speakers who enhance it. It is my pleasure to have been connected with LFL and to watch the impact it has had on our community.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Fischer".

Mary Fischer, Board Member
District 1

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Edgewood Academy

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Robert W. Mazzoli, Principal

Dr. Carol Frink,
Assistant Principal

January 29, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

I am Katherine Hammond, the School Counselor at Edgewood Academy for the past three school years. I have used Learning For Life previously and thought it would be a great program for Edgewood Academy.

We are considered a low income, high needs, Tier III school. Many of our students bring unique challenges into the classroom as they are in an ongoing state of crisis. They also bring unique opportunities for learning Character Education within the classroom setting as social skills are often paired with our school-wide PBIS program.

Learning For Life has been a wonderful resource for my students to learn Character Education. Having multiple ways to teach Learning For Life allows us to reach students in all learning styles. Learning For Life offers paper-based lesson plans, online prepared lessons, and the ability to create student accounts for students to access the online lessons.

I recently attended a Threat Assessment Team training. The biggest focus was on teaching Character Education and building relationships with students. In a world that is becoming more reliant, yet isolated on technology, programs like Learning For Life are vital for teaching positive connections with each other and display technology in a positive forefront.

As the state of Florida is increasingly looking at safety and well-being within the schools, programs like Learning For Life need your continued support. Having a program that is an all-in-one, user friendly package creates more time for resources such as School Counselors to work with students and teachers are much more apt to use it since they do not need to do in-depth planning for it.

Thank you,

Mrs. Katherine Hammond, M.A.
FL Certified School Counselor



December 9, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

It is both an honor and a pleasure to write a letter on behalf of the Learning for Life Character Education Program. When I became principal in 2013 and took over at our school. One of the first areas needing improvement in the school to help move the school out of school improvement status and from a "D" grade in addition to better communication, stronger education programs, standards based and differentiated instruction, was there needed to be a positive behavior and character education program implemented. I worked countless hours with my selected school improvement team members to assess what our school would need to get out of improvement and increase student achievement. After reviewing and disaggregating assessment data, creating a standards based assessment driven professional learning community, and establishing school wide expectations and procedures. We still needed a character education program that would coincide with the positive interventions and support programs I was establishing. Then I met Tina Pegler, she came with the missing ingredient to our success plan. Tina shared with me and my staff the Learning for Life Program and we began full implementation that year. We saw our students begin to respect each other, discipline improved and there was a big difference in the students from when they started and ended the program. This all trickled to achievement and played a role in increased student achievement with our school moving an entire letter grade and out of improvement the first year and now having moved two letter grades to a "B" school on our way to an "A" school. Tina continues to support our school with new curriculum, online resources, in person trainings to our staff and presentations for our students. The Learning for Life program has made a huge impact on our school and I highly recommend the program. I am excited to be working with Tina this year to expand the program further by adding an Explorer group for our middle school students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Fowler". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, decorative flourish at the end.

Jennifer Fowler, Ed.S.
Principal, UCSCC, K-8 School

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Letter of Endorsement: Learning for Life

January 30, 2018

Lehigh Middle currently serves over thirteen hundred students with distinct academic programs such as AVID and Cambridge but greatly benefits from services offered from our partnership with Learning for Life. They expose our scholars to the finer traits needed for life which are not embedded within our academic curriculum. The character traits lessons serve the needs of our scholars who are often from homes that do not always foster or support traits that are influential in social development.

Learning for Life has been a transforming agent to us at Lehigh Middle. Our scholars have garnered much from the lessons taught on character education, benefits visible in our discipline culture and scholars positive attitude to education. Our first relationship with this community partnership started with one class being introduced to the character traits. Students in that class were more prone to assist each other rather than engage in peer conflicts. Given such advantageous impact, this year we exposed all incoming six graders to the lesson, as when students are socially trained then their behaviors will influence others.

Last year Learning for Life exposed our scholars to Career Fair and this year repeated the fair, taking many career speakers with the paraphilia for their career area providing students with career exposure. Over one hundred and fifty students were able to talk to specialist from various fields. The fair was stages in our Gymnasium which made it accessible to our scholars who not privileged to such career tours or highlights. Students were delighted about this event, some of whom made connections for volunteering after school with these agencies.

LAMS is looking forward to continued partnership that will foster the teaching of the character traits and exposing our scholars to career fairs. We at Lehigh Acres Middle endorse what Learning for Life does as our scholars are being given tools that will be beneficial to them for life.

Yours truly,
Chevoneese Anderson Thomas
Assistant Principal for Curriculum



The
Leader in Me





River Hall Elementary School

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Throughout my four years as the School Counselor at River Hall Elementary, the Learning for Life program has served as a prominent component of my Character Education material. As Character Education is core material I educate our student body on, the course work generously provided by Learning for Life has proved to be an invaluable resource. For these lessons to be effective however, they not only need to be interesting to students, but hold great deal of substance as well. I am grateful that Learning for Life's approach to character education allows me to conduct my lesson planning in a way that satisfies these demands. The program allows me to utilize its wide variety of lesson plans, enabling me to integrate character education concepts in a manner that will be of most benefit to each particular grade I am instructing.

As an educator, is it critical to appeal to the interests of students and have a wide variety of teaching modalities. To support this approach, Learning for Life offers lessons in text format, video format on the internet, as well as via various activities on the learning for life website which I have seamlessly woven into my planning. Furthermore, the recommended books in each lesson are consistently a great success, and the students thoroughly enjoy them.. While being immersed in this rich character educational material, students have the opportunity to display their artistic talent via dynamic mini-projects which often foster group cooperation.

Finally, Learning for Life representatives are very enthusiastic about their material, providing lessons to school classrooms through collaboration with Learning for Life liaisons in the school. The program has strong accountability, consistently demonstrating significant gains in character education mindset development via a data driven approach. Learning for Life has always served as an excellent addition to my character education counseling plan, and it is with pride that I serve as a liaison.

Sincerely,

Mr. Eric Conceicao





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February 6, 2019

Tina Pegler
Learning for Life
Southwest Florida Council
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Tina, we would like to thank you and the Learning for Life team for providing exceptional resources to our students this 2018-2019 school year! Your personal commitment to making this program a huge success continues to exceed our expectations. We have depended on you over this past year, and you have not let us down.

You have become a trusted and valued asset not only to our school, but our school counseling department as well. The resources that you provide our teachers and school helps us instill those character traits that will help our students grow and develop into successful adults. Your enthusiasm with Learning for Life comes through to our students. The lessons that you teach them, resonates with them daily. Thank you for all you do!

Sincerely,

Katherine Trepasso & Jannelle Sparrow

School Counselors



August 10, 2018



Edison Park Creative & Expressive Arts Elementary School

Greg Graham, Executive Director, Learning for Life
Dr. Diane Thornton, National Director, Learning for Life
1325 West Walnut Hill Lane
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Dear Mr. Graham and Dr. Thornton:

I am the School Counselor at Edison Park Creative and Expressive Arts Elementary School, and wanted to take a moment to express my sincere appreciation to you and the Learning for Life organization for your wonderful Character Education program.

This is my 21st year as a School Counselor, and I have not only used, but infused, LFL concepts and themes throughout my career, and especially within my school-based guidance classes with our students. I especially love using your digital program, which provides a number of interactive lessons that not only inspire my students to learn, but also heighten their enthusiasm and excitement related to Character Education as it applies within their lives.

Additionally, your program provides invaluable assessments that facilitate my work with our students, and certainly support the 'data-driven' focus which all School Counselors follow as part of our Comprehensive School Counseling Plans. I am grateful to your program for enabling me to not only educate students, but also directly measure their understanding and application of concepts and themes that are taught throughout the year.

I know Learning for Life makes me a 'better' and more effective School Counselor, and am very grateful that it is accessible to me and my school.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kim Clements

Kimberly D. Clements, Ph.D.
School Counselor
Edison Park Creative and Expressive Arts Elementary School

Cherise Trent, Principal

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Mrs. Lynn Edward, Principal
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Mr. John M. Peters, Jr., Assistant Principal

Southwest Florida Council
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ATTN: Tina Pegler
Director Learning for Life

March 4, 2019

To whom it may concern:

Fort Myers Middle Academy is proud to recommend the Learning for Life curriculum.

FMMA has utilized the Learning for Life curriculum not only in our sixth grade peer counseling classes, but also in our restorative justice setting known as The Harbor. We find the curriculum to be both meaningful and manageable for students. It teaches them quality lessons about the 'soft skills' that often do not make it into the standard instructional schedule but are absolutely critical for student success. The program produces marked improvements in our students' abilities to empathize, communicate, and manage relationships.

We very much look forward to continuing to be a partner of Learning for Life, and we fully endorse the use of the curriculum in schools across Florida.

John M. Peters, Jr.
Assistant Principal



Bonita Springs Middle Center for the Arts

Mrs. Melissa Layner, Principal

Expanding minds, strengthening bodies, nurturing souls for lifelong success



Jill Cooke, Assistant Principal

Christopher Lightfoot, Assistant Principal

January 22, 2019

To Whom it may Concern,

The Exploring program has been at Bonita Springs Center for the Arts for three years now and is included in the AVID program. It has made a great impact among all students who attend our school. Explorers gain self-confidence and purpose as we plan the activities which incite thought and planning for their future. This April, we are leading a Career Exploration Day for all 6th through 8th grade students to obtain information about their occupation(s) of interest.

In addition, here at BSMCA, we utilize the Learning for Life curriculum in AVID, Health, and PE. It is a wealth of information about numerous topics from drugs to character education. Our sponsor, Tina Pegler, assists us with presentation, curriculum, and serves as an extremely positive role model who all of our students admire and respect.

We plan to continue both the Exploring program and Learning for Life curriculum here as it's effect is nothing but empowering and enriching for the students at BSMCA. There are no other programs or people available that could impact the students the way these programs have.

Sincerely,

Kristy Richardson

AVID Elective Teacher



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