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Mr. Timmy Johnson  
Parks, Recreation and Beautification Director  
Adele Grage Cultural Center  
716 Ocean Boulevard  
Atlantic Beach, FL 32233

Subject: In support of Kirk Farber's F.A.C.E. Class

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Through the support of the City of Atlantic Beach, Atlantic Beach Elementary School has been able to benefit from a wide range of programs. Performers visit our students, sharing their talents with the children. Hundreds of children participate in the After School Enrichment Program, many receiving scholarships funded by the City. Our Campus Beautification Project has tremendously enhanced the look of our school, while adding a new track. And, fifteen children have been able to participate in a special program that helps build their self confidence and motivation taught by Kirk Farber.

The children selected for Mr. Farber's F.A.C.E. program work in teams for many coordination and fitness exercises. The word of the day is introduced and each student stands in front of the class to discuss how the daily word is important in their life. Skills learned through fun exercises gently teach important life lessons, such as teamwork, public speaking and tolerance of others. Mr. Farber uses many unique, fun methods to impart these necessary life skills with this class, and the children are willing to rise to his challenges.

Two children, in particular, have shown what an impact Mr. Farber's program has had on ABE. One child arrived at Atlantic Beach Elementary School for his first day of fourth grade escorted by two policemen. His mother could no longer make him attend school, and asked for help. Once enrolled in ABE he often skipped school, was frequently in fights, and completed little to none of his homework. Since being placed in Mr. Farber's F.A.C.E. class in January, he has not skipped a day of school, we are not aware of any fights he has participated in, and he is trying hard to make good behavior and education choices. He is making an effort to organize himself in class and there has been a "dramatic difference" in his homework effort.

The second child was selected to participate but did not enroll in this class until March, due to an expected family move that never took place. But, when the child experienced some personal challenges, he asked if he could be placed in Mr. Farber's F.A.C.E. class. He easily fit in with the rest of the children and enjoyed his first class. Mr. Farber is willing to work with this student to provide a little additional guidance; to share some of the lessons already presented to the rest of the class.

Mr. Farber's F.A.C.E. program has been highly successful at our school. The children have responded positively, with a few children taking tremendous strides to improve their attitude, conduct and grades. I would love to have Mr. Farber teach his class every semester at ABE; we have many children who would benefit from his skilled interaction with children.

Please keep Mr. Farber's program in mind when making future funding decisions at the City of Atlantic Beach.

With regards,

Mary Bracey  
ABE Community Education Coordinator