

April 10th 2008

Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction
Equity and Civil Rights
Old Capital Building
P.O. Box 47200
Olympia, Washington 98504-7200

Re: Mother of Surviving Change Student

To: Compliant Office,

My name is Lucille Lowe, I am the mother of Robert Lowe, my son graduated from Bremerton High School in 2007, and my son was in jeopardy of not graduating on time. Ms. Jackson came back in town to help my son and others graduate from High School and continue on to college, which my son only had 14 credit second semester of his senior year Ms. Jackson met with Mr. Aries and they implemented a plan to help him graduate, but he was still missing credits. Ms. Jackson then enrolled my son into college to help make-up a P.E., Robert was still behind with Ms. Jackson professional persistence reviewing Roberts's school transcripts, he had not receive credits for several of his classes was not added to his transcript, by the time Ms. Jackson/Surviving Change finished with my son he graduated with 25 High School credits, if it would not have been for Ms. Jackson program Surviving Change my would not have graduated on time and would not be attending a four year university my son got into college with a 1.08 GPA. Ms. Jackson met with the university interim president on two occasions and slept at the rest stops for two days to advocate for Robert to get into college, the Lord Bless my son got in and at the last minute.

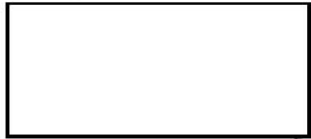
Ms. Jackson works hard for her students she puts them before her self, my son is on cloud nine and is on his way to be somebody. I have put my son through a lot he has been is several drug bust as a child living here and their , I have gone to prison twice in his life time, this letter brings tears to my eyes, but my head is held high, my son is a success through Surviving Change. We need a program that understands our culture and our students and a person who is passionate about out children and their educational needs.

On the day that he completed his portfolio one of the teachers stated to him that they were sorry they never got to know him, they didn't know that he had dreams, sometimes stereotyping, and placing students of color in a select category or who comes from a different way of life is not ethical. We all need to be treated fairly and deserve a fair education.

As of today he holds a 3.80 or a 4.0 in college he is the first to go to college out of my children and the first to graduate from High School. Robert just received a 20,000.00 scholarship and he surely deserves it. We are thankful for Surviving Change and Ms. Deborah Jackson who understands change and second chances or sometimes a little more.

Lucille Lowe

Lucille Lowe, Proud Mother of Robert Lowe



April 22, 2008

To whom it may concern,

I am new to the Surviving Change program this year, and with in the few months that I have been in the program Ms. Debra Jackson has helped me immensely as I begin planning for my future. Ms. Jackson has gone out of her way to find different colleges and scholarships for me. My family has very limited funds; Ms. Jackson has been able to gather funds from different sponsors to help pay for my initial college costs. I needed two hundred dollars in two weeks to make a deposit to my college, and Ms. Jackson was able to get me the money I needed before it was due. When I mention a problem to Ms. Jackson I know that she can help me come up with a solution, without failing.

I believe that Ms. Jackson has the ability to help so many students make changes in their lives because she has made changes in her life too. She has informed me of her struggles and mistakes in the past and how she overcame them. I couldn't think a better director of Surviving Change.

Sincerely,

Regina Ogazi

April 22, 2008

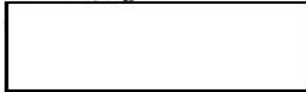
To Whom It May Concern:

I have been a part of the Surviving Change Program for about 6 months. I met Ms. Deborah Jackson in the fall of 2007, and since then, she has worked non-stop to help propel me toward achieving my goals for the future. In this short time that I have been a part of Surviving Change, Ms. Jackson has helped me start a modeling career by first pairing me with a photographer/clothing designer, and then sending my photos and resume to various credible magazines; she found a sponsorer to donate \$200 to help pay my way to New York to visit the college I am attending this fall, and then she donated another \$200 from Surviving Change to help as well; and she has set me up with an internship at Anthony's Home Port restaurant. Ms. Debra Jackson is continuously working to help me in any way possible, whether I need money for college, or just a ride home from school, I know I can count on her.

Surviving Change has supported me and aided my success in school and achieving my future goals. I am glad to have Ms. Deborah Jackson in my life.

Dominica Ogazi

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To Whom it may concern:

I would like to first introduce myself. I am Cynthia M. Brady. My children were taught in the Brenton School District as well as in the Tacoma School District. My son recently graduated in the Class of 2007 from Brenton High School. I thank God for Mrs. Deborah Jackson's role in his abilities to do as such. Jose Martinez is the child of mine whom graduated from BHS the Class of 2007. Jose was struggling with his credits, and with his attendance as well. Mrs. Jackson took a personal as well as professional interest in my child's education and well being. She also encouraged me to participate in the process of helping to insure that my sons ability to graduate and to improve on his attendance and

to look into further education.
I believe that she has a true
and earnest, also sincere approach
to helping in this department of
educating and helping to reach
the students as well as the parents
and teachers. In all actualization
her program is a benefit to
Brenston School District's success
rate, and the success rate for those
that really have a true desire to
want to graduate but is lacking
in certain areas or criteria to
accomplish this, with or without
the necessary help to do so. I
am very pleased with Ms. Jackson's
program and so are the parents
of numerous students that have
received this unselfish and dutiful
service that she possess. The
Counselors can only do so much,
with her assistance they have
(the students) more of a chance
of achieving the necessary help
and accomplishing the goals set
before them. I appreciate all that

Ms Jackson is and has done.
As a team player, I believe that
Bremerton School District should
look upon Surviving Change as an
asset not a liability. The interest
of these children should be the
first & last important outlook
upon all decisions made. I have
been to various meetings with Ms
Jackson, concerning my child and
has never witnessed her to be
nothing but orderly and respectful.
She also suggested that I conduct
myself in the same manner. If
you feel the need to speak with
me on this manner feel free to
call or write to me at:

Cynthia M. Brady
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Deborah Jackson, Owner/Director
Surviving Change P.O Box 2012
Bremerton, WA 98310

September 19, 2008

Deborah:

In closed is my check for \$ 200.00 towards Surviving Change Education Scholarships; and the continuation of your excellence accomplishments in assuring the graduation of our needed Students of Color, in Bremerton/Kitsap County, Washington.

Through your extra academic students studies; you have managed to accomplish educationally, that which has escaped our local school district. You're tenacity has assured completion of graduation of some of our academic struggling students; those that the district has given up on!

Fredrick Douglass once said;" Education is indeed a dangerous thing, but the want of education is a calamity to any people"

With respect, and great appreciation!

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