



## School District of Lancaster

*Together We Can!*

June 7, 2016

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the School District of Lancaster (SDoL), I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the SWAN program in Lancaster County. We recognize this program as a critically important intervention for some of our district's most vulnerable youth as the children of incarcerated parents. In its aim to provide enrolled children music lessons, ensemble training, performance opportunities, and mentoring, SWAN ensures that our students continue to have positive role models outside of the normal school day, opportunities to become involved in the larger community, and a creative outlet for expression amongst mentors and peers .

Many of our students face challenges outside the classroom on a daily basis, and SWAN provides a safe and supportive environment for those students to thrive in during school hours, after school, and throughout the summer months. Because of the successes of this program with our students in both their academic and extracurricular lives, staff members of SDoL intend to refer and recruit students within the district to enroll and take part in the program's offerings.

We applaud and commend their work with students in the School District of Lancaster and are enthusiastic about endorsing their services through this letter of support.

Sincerely,



Pam Smith

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To Whom It May Concern,

I Krystle L. Nemeth am writing this letter to endorse the Scaling Walls A Note at a Time (SWAN) program. I am the Assistant Principal at John W. Price Elementary School. This is our first year to incorporate SWAN as an after school club, one day per week. Since the SWAN program began at John W. Price Elementary in the start of the 2016 school year, I have seen an increase in student morale of those who are involved. The students feel a strong sense of connection to one another and to the school. Students come to school with excitement on days that they have drumming practice.

The students involved in the program have acquired many useful life skills as a result of SWAN. SWAN has helped students communicate effectively with one another in their small group, as well as offer a support system to each other. They have gained presentation skills, as they have performed multiple times in front of large groups in the community. Additionally, students have learned that through practice, one can acquire and maintain new skills.

Again, I strongly endorse the SWAN program's mission and vision and would like to see even more students in our school have the opportunity to be a part of SWAN.

Thank you for all that you do.

Sincerely,

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