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Dr. Anne Guteski, Principal
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Dear Dr. Guteski and Staff:

I am the mother of nine children, two natural born and seven adopted. Being a mother, I want the very best of what life has to offer my beloved children: my priceless treasures...my truest gifts. As you know I have two profoundly disabled children. I don't say this despairingly, or hopelessly. I look upon their special needs as a challenge for them to overcome difficulties in life and achieve milestones like everyone else.

I had once written about the **Harbor School**, stating: "that after visiting a number of schools in the area, including public and private, I decided to send my children to the **Harbor School** because of its genuine warmth and open and welcoming arms." Well, my two sons have attended the **Harbor School** for the past eight years to present and I must admit, the reasons stated above goes far beyond even that. While being rebuffed and banned from his local public school **because** of my son, Zachary's, disabilities, the **Harbor School welcomed him with open arms, in spite of his special needs and fully embraced Zachary for his ABILITIES.**

Thanks to the guidance of the **Harbor School** and the expertise of your entire staff my two sons have grown and developed beyond all expectations! When little Sam initially came to our family we didn't know if he would **ever** walk or talk. Through the supervision and proficiency of your entire personnel, both of my children have succeeded beyond all expectations. Owing to the astute discernment of Santhe Bielk, your dance teacher, the talents of my son Zachary were readily acknowledged and rejoined with great zeal and enthusiasm!

Each and every one of you believed in Zachary, **never once doubting his ability to achieve.** As a result of your commitment, encouragement and love, on May 6, 2016, Zachary went on to receive the state's **ARTS EXCELLENCE AWARD IN DANCE**, from the NJ State Organization on Arts and Disability, performing at Linwood Middle School, North Brunswick, NJ. And, on May, 26, 2016, Zachary received in Trenton, New Jersey, "**THE 2016 GOVERNOR'S AWARD IN ARTS EDUCATION FOR EXCELLENCE IN DANCE**".

The name given your school is truly apropos. The Harbor School IS indeed a place of shelter, which embraces all who enter. The Harbor School undeniably cherishes each and every student! All of your students are docked in stability; given a safe haven and held in the highest esteem because of their worth as human beings, while recognizing their particular contributions and skills.

Unfortunately, there are very few schools, like the **Harbor School**, sincerely equipped to articulate the needs of individuals with disabilities, especially public schools. I thank God every day for the **Harbor School**, where I know my children are safe, where time is devoted to them, and someone will advocate for them as they develop and enhance their God given talents. **THANK YOU** and **kudos** to **EVERYONE** operating in harmony at the **Harbor School**; a true **Beacon of Hope**, shining on the life of every child who passes through your door. May God continue to bless your every endeavor.

Fondly,



Rebecca Blonski,
A Loving Mother

- cc: Neptune Township School District, Zipporah Schuck, Department of Special Services
- Mr. Dennis Connelly, Mayor
Borough of Eatontown
- RKS Associates