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Dear Joe,

Emerald Bay Academy has had a profound effect on students at our school. In the first year, Surfside sent twenty students to EBA. These were students who were academically at-risk, most of them due to behavior and adjustment issues. Although we did have to convince a few of these students, they all went willingly and believed that Emerald Bay could help them. Additionally, removing these students from the regular classroom setting improved the learning climate for remaining students.

One remarkable outgrowth of our partnership with EBA was that during that school year, Surfside was able to operate without an in-school suspension program because our remaining students realized the consequences of failing to focus on their responsibility for learning in the regular setting. The effect on those who attend EBA is very positive. One of our male students who returned in January of this school year took advantage of every tutoring opportunity we offered, attended regularly, and managed to pass for the year; another of our students who remains at EBA was at Surfside recently with an enrolling student and told us that she loves EBA. By the way, she also had her Emerald Bay uniform on!

The most gratifying result of students attending EBA and returning to us is their changed perception about their home school and improved relationships with the adults at school; they seem to have come to the realization that administrators and teachers are truly their friends in this process of learning for their futures. Students who return to us are more mature and settled about their studies, and we are very pleased with the progress we have seen.

Sincerely,

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