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To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing to strongly recommend the Leonardo Gifted School. It's been said that "It takes a village to raise a child." I'd add that the "village" needs to include specific support for gifted and talented children.

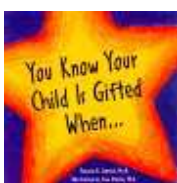
Gifted children and teens are so much more than their test scores and grades. Some gifted children, like all children, can suffer from chronic low self-esteem, anxiety, loneliness, and confusion—especially if their school curriculum and environment doesn't address their educational and social-emotional needs. Gifted children often achieve in a way and at a rate that is significantly different from same-age peers—often two or more years ahead. As a result, if accommodations aren't made in school to account for these differences, these students are at risk for learning poor study skills, being turned off by school, and developing behavior issues.

I sincerely urge you to learn more about this special population to appropriately meet their needs. Society as a whole benefits from these students' abilities. Just as important, *every* child deserves an education that's right for them.

Sincerely yours,



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