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Good morning,

To whom it may concern:

My name is Lauren Holland, an Early Intervention Service Coordinator and MSW candidate. I am in full support of founder Ms. Shambrion Treadwell and her Do & Be Arts Academy of Excellence (DBAE). As a student who has graduated from an arts school and has continued her journey with arts through her undergraduate degree, I know Ms. Treadwell has done her due diligence in creating DBAE. I have also graduated from a performing arts school and can truly say without that experience, I wouldn't be who I am today. I wouldn't value and appreciate the copious forms of art that I was exposed to at an early age. I hope that this exposure is continued because it allows children not only an outlet but also an experience that supports personal and cultural development. Not providing children this opportunity to explore the arts or hone their craft with quality art education puts a restraint on a child's potential. It has been a privilege to have this upbringing because my art background is my foundation. As art programs continue to be removed from schools, we must support individuals like Ms. Treadwell who advocate for children to have this experience to become who they are meant to be.

Thank you,

Lauren

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