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**To Whom It May Concern:**

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**This letter is to attest to the powerful educational experience Progress with Chess is for our students. Newton D. Baker School of Arts has had a long and fruitful relationship with Progress with Chess. Our children have benefited from this cross curriculum program that engages the children actively while attending to state standards and benchmarks in many core academics.**

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**The program Progress with Chess attends to many math activities that the children need to attain and do so in an engaging manner. The resources, worksheets, multi media materials that are provided are age appropriate and keep the children's attention.**

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**The Chess mentors provided with the program are extraordinary. I have had the pleasure of working with Mr. Htichlock and Mr. Andreus several times, they are true master chess players and excellent instructors. The gentleman's ability to capture the children's interest and have them contribute fully is awesome. The men have a full understanding of the goals of the program makes a lasting impact on the children.**

**Chess with Success is a wonderful and enriching program for children. This process is truly beneficial for students at our school. I hope that support will continue for this program.**

Sincerely,

**Christine D. Champion**