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To Whom It May Concern,

The first thing that comes to mind to describe Public School 85's first year of working with Turnaround is the word partnership. Even before Turnaround began working in our school, they took the time to learn about our school community, our school's vision and our struggles. From that starting point Turnaround staff began working with us to develop and implement systems that would help us attain our goals. Before school even opened this year, Turnaround had worked with over 100 of our staff members, providing three days of training aimed at establishing effective environments for teaching and learning. Throughout the year this work has been supported by high quality coaching and support staff in the class rooms and during teacher workshops.

Together with the coaches from Turnaround, our Instructional Support Team and Student Intervention Teams have supported teachers with strategies to help students, as well as connecting families to services beyond our school. As we move forward, our relationship continues to grow as we are work towards weaving concepts of Social and Emotional Learning into the curriculum and strengthen the systems which support our most struggling learners. When I accepted this assignment as a school principal, I accepted the responsibility to improve student achievement. With the support of Turnaround for Children, we are not just moving forward, we have begun to "turn things around".

Sincerely,

Ted Husted  
Principal

***"Success is Our Only Option"***