

January 24, 2024

To Whom This May Concern:

Ref: Christian Braylock

I am sharing my testimony in reference to the 5Pillars Program with Mr. Robert Hunter. My son has been involved with the program since 2022, through an after-school program at his school (Nathan Hale Elementary), in Cleveland, Ohio. The program is designed to assist the young males within the community to become better than the average male as they grow into adulthood. My son is on the path to being a better person in the sense of his learning, socialization skills, and emotional growth. When it pertains to his learning, he is being tutored in each area that I, as a parent, feel that he needs help in progressing and achieving. When it pertains to socialization, he has the opportunity to express the things that he feels are hindering him in school and/or society from becoming successful. When it pertains to his emotional growth, he is being taught techniques to overcome fear, peer pressure, etc. As a parent, I am also able to express my concerns about his education and societal pressures. I believe that, in some cases, outside forces are what some of our young boys need in order to fully understand what is trying to be conveyed to them. So, in that sense, that is why I have chosen this program to assist with giving that extra coaching. I have also just been made aware that the Afterschool Child Enrichment or ACE (Educational Savings Account Program) that was federally funded, will no longer be available effective July 1, 2024. I used this program in order for my son to be able to participate in the 5Pillars Program.

Sincerely,

Adale Steele