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To whom it may concern,

I am submitting this letter in support of the “Power UP” project and the Young Eagles Success (YES) club. The Freeport School District 5th through 8th grade choirs have been fortunate enough to participate in the “Power UP” video project since October, and the experience has been invaluable.

Carl and Dianna Cole have created a community of learners who engage in positive character building activities with music as their springboard. The YES club offers adolescents the opportunity to learn valuable life skills while having fun. Their program teaches students to have self-worth, resilience, self-respect, work ethic, and leadership while cultivating an understanding of the importance of community and compassion.

As an educator of the youth in our community, I can tell you that positive outlets like the YES club are transformative. I am so happy to be able to bring this opportunity to my students, and I hope you will consider joining this effort. I appreciate your time and consideration of this dynamic and influential project.

Sincerely,

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