



Wednesday, February 20, 2013

Good evening DC State Board of Education representatives, again. My name is Marilyn Holmes. I am the President and Founder of Total Sunshine Inc. and am here to request your support of the Total Sunshine School Grade Incentive (SGI) Program, which provides educational tools and support for DC students. Our upcoming 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Grade Rewards Ceremony is on Thursday, June 20, 2013 at Roosevelt High. We are looking forward to providing advice for the future, honoring, and supporting DC's top students citywide.

While we do provide educational tools at the ceremony such as laptops and tablets, our goal is to expand the support annually for these fantastic students, therefore, we have added a mentorship component. Our invitation is open perpetually for business executives to sign up with us, to be on the "Total Sunshine Team" to support our best students as they embark on their varied journeys in college education.

This event doesn't simply occur, I work very hard every year to make it a reality for our best students despite their socio-economic backgrounds, attendance at public or charter school, also despite my status as a local full time Paramedic and EMT Instructor.

We conduct outreach for financial support and donations every year, and it is STILL an ongoing struggle. This year, we have 70 Valedictorians and Salutatorians citywide to support. Please do all you can to spread the word about our efforts to support DC students-be a Total Sunshine top graduate mentor, or recommend one. Of course, I'm formally requesting to receive another collective letter of support from the SBOE, ASAP.

For more information on our Total Sunshine School Grade Incentive Program, or for homework help for students, for scholarship information, for home computers for low income students, to report bullying, for job opportunities, or for a smile, please logon to [www.totalsunshine.org](http://www.totalsunshine.org) or call the Total Sunshine Hotline (202) 575-0462 -we are providing TOTAL Sunshine for DC students-yet we STILL need support. My testimony will be submitted electronically for your records.

I will see you again at next month's hearing to provide an update on progress, and I'm thankful your time today.

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