



# Virtual Schoolhouse

High Quality Alternative Educational Experience

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This is a time of awe. The leaves are beautiful, the sky is beautiful, and the weather is pleasant enough to enjoy the outdoors, but not pleasant enough to require the commencement of major outdoor activities such as repainting. This morning I was headed behind many, many school buses and RTA buses, to Virtual Schoolhouse. At each stop, I saw tired kids slink off and into the crowds of other damp children. It was, of course raining, and doing so with gusto. On Lakeview, I saw a different group of kids descend the gray RTA. They stood out and they stood tall. Admittedly, they were in yellow shirts, but that wasn't it. There was something about them that made them different from the earlier groups. These kids looked hopeful. There was an aura of self-fulfillment and contentment that enveloped them.

These are children with a future. These are our future engineers, doctors, dancers, singers, musicians and business owners. They are talent that will not settle. They are passion that does not come with, or need a price tag. As I stood in line to be checked before entering, I realized that what these kids want most, is something we give away free. It is our time, our interest, and our consideration. We pay attention to them because they matter. When I say "we," that is exactly what I mean. The entire Virtual Schoolhouse community from caregivers to teachers, to the guards who care enough to remember names, to the kitchen staff who smiles and serves every kid with a smile and eye contact. Because they matter to us, they matter to themselves, and people who matter have futures.

On behalf of the Board, the Administration, the teachers and the staff, I want to thank you again for helping to make a difference.

Sincerely,

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