Greetings,

I am writing on behalf of Mrs. Belinda Henderson. She taught our daughter Lauryn at Clay Academy when she was 3 years old. Our family recently experienced a tragic loss as a child at Lauryn’s day care passed away on site, and the day care facility closed abruptly. My husband and I prayed about the situation and felt it was best to enroll Lauryn at Clay Academy Private School.

We wanted her surrounded by Christian, ethical, responsible educators. We found much more when we arrived. We found compassion, patience, and Mrs. Henderson. Lauryn started mid-year so her handwriting was behind her peers, her speech was not completely developed, and she would cry when she didn’t get her way. Going from a cozy home day care to a structured private school was very difficult for her.

Mrs. Henderson while being honest with me in that she was the youngest smallest 3 year old there, she still took the time to help Lauryn through her adjustment. Lauryn was reading, and writing at 3 years old. Something I did not believe she was yet capable of. It was in this classroom I first heard the phrase “gifted” as it related to my child. Sure I knew Lauryn was smart but with the help of Mrs. Henderson she started to soar.

Lauryn had to leave Clay Academy the following year due to the loss of the pre-school on campus. I’m happy to say that with the guidance, compassion, and sound teaching methods, Lauryn is a straight a student and receives character awards each semester. Lauryn now is in 1st grade and she has without a doubt benefited from her time with Mrs. Henderson. We recommend her highly for any child on any level.

With gratitude in our hearts,

Sean and LaSheka Eddens, (Lauryn’s parents)