

ALLISON ELEMENTARY

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Dear Dr. Isaacs,

I am writing to lend my support to the IES proposal to evaluate the AmeriCorps for Community Engagement and Education program (ACEE). This program has been in the Austin Independent School District since 1994, and has been at Allison Elementary for all but two of the years of its existence. I have worked hard to secure funding to bring the program back to Allison this year, because I believe so strongly in its effectiveness.

ACEE provides a research-based literacy intervention program that has made a significant contribution to Allison Elementary School. In the years the program was here, our students made steady progress in reading in the early grades. ACEE helped hundreds of our children to develop a strong foundation in early literacy. During those years, Allison went from a statewide rating of acceptable to one of recognized.

In addition, I have hired two former ACEE tutors as Allison classroom teachers. They gained valuable experience and knowledge in the years they served in ACEE in how to accelerate the literacy learning of young struggling readers. They are truly able to meet the needs of all the students in their classroom.

I believe in this program and would welcome an opportunity to help ACEE improve and possibly expand in the future. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any further information.

Sincerely,



Rosalie Oliveri, Principal
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