



December 5, 2013

Chesapeake Bay Trust  
60 West St  
Suite 401  
Annapolis, MD 20401

Re: Baltimore Lab School Watershed Stewards of the Chesapeake Bay Club

Dear Sir or Madam:

On behalf of the Watershed Stewards Academy and Arlington Echo Outdoor Education Center, I am writing in support of the Baltimore Lab School Watershed Stewards of the Chesapeake Bay Club grant request. As a Master Watershed Steward and a Master Educator, Patti Child has demonstrated great leadership with her students and peer Stewards.

As a Master Watershed Steward, Patti has completed over 64 hours of classroom training in relevant watershed restoration topics and has completed an intensive capstone project in her community. During that project, she involved her Baltimore Lab School students in water quality monitoring, planting native trees and shrubs and painting storm drains. Her implementation of the Stewards of the Chesapeake Bay Club last year was very successful and continues to grow. She has also worked with Arlington Echo summer camps and 4<sup>th</sup> graders teaching environmental literacy courses at Arlington Echo.

In all of her activities, Patti goes above and beyond the status quo. Her leadership is inspiring and she is supported in her actions by a network of Watershed Stewards, including three close colleagues in her community. As a native of Anne Arundel County, who had the opportunity to attend similar field excursions and was mentored by a caring and knowledgeable adult, I recognize the importance of the extra time and effort Patti puts into her work with the Baltimore Lab School and with her community as a Master Watershed Steward. I know there are many other things she could be doing with her time and I am so thankful that the students at the Baltimore Lab School, many of whom may not otherwise have this opportunity, have a caring and dedicated teacher like Patti.

If you have any questions about this letter, or my experience with Patti Child, please contact me at 410 222 3822,

Best Regards,

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December 10, 2013

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To whom it may concern;

The Ben Oaks Watershed Stewards very much appreciate the assistance of The Baltimore Lab School students over the past few years. Our projects are based on their 2011 assessment of our community shoreline with water samples and photos played a big role in our decision of where to locate our shoreline restoration projects. They have also joined us in implementing all of our shoreline projects over the past few years.

The Severn River Association acknowledges that the Severn River is a beneficiary of the activities of the Baltimore Lab School and, along with the Ben Oaks Watershed Stewards, wholeheartedly supports the Baltimore Lab School Watershed Steward group and their planned activities. We agree that what they learn through these experiences will strengthen their love for the environment and make them great stewards of clean water throughout the rest of their lives.

Lynne Rockenbauch  
Ben Oaks Watershed Stewards

Lee Meadows  
President, Severn River Association

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December 10, 2013

Chesapeake Bay Trust:

As a parent of a high school senior, I am writing to express my support of the Watershed Stewards of the Chesapeake program at the Baltimore Lab School. Over the last several years, my son has had the pleasure of participating in many Chesapeake Bay Foundation trips, including the overnight trip to Port Isabel Island. He has benefitted greatly from these trips, both from an educational perspective and his own personal growth and development. He has always loved being outdoors and learning about the environment, as well as fishing and crabbing. Robert's participation in the CBF field trips has increased his self-confidence and his interest in protecting our natural resources. He would like to attend college in the fall and pursue turning his interest in the environment into a career path. Please continue to support the Watershed Stewards of the Chesapeake program at the Baltimore Lab School so that future students can have the same positive experiences and become passionate about the protecting the Chesapeake Bay.

Sincerely,  
Teresa Melocik