

BALTIMORE LAB SCHOOL

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December 6, 2017

Chesapeake Bay Trust
Attn: Grant Committee, K-12 Environmental Education Mini Grant
60 West Street, Suite 405
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Chesapeake Bay Trust:

On behalf of the entire Baltimore Lab School community, I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the Baltimore Lab School Watershed Stewards Program. We are grateful for the Chesapeake Bay Trust's past financial assistance of this program and hope to continue with this partnership for years to come. Baltimore Lab School is dedicated to supporting this program, and we pledge a minimum of \$5,000 towards a grant match through the Chesapeake Bay Trust's K-12 Environmental Education Mini Grant opportunity.

This program aligns to our school's Mission to be an *"innovative learning community fostering scholarship and creativity in students with different learning needs."* Additionally, the activities and projects through the Baltimore Lab School Watershed Stewards Program complement our outdoor education curricula that help to build our students' self-esteem and allow them to emerge with stronger senses of themselves as leaders and environmental stewards.

Our Master Watershed Steward and facilitator of all that is outdoor education, Ms. Patti Child, has ensured that our students benefit tremendously through funds from this grant and matching school-based operational funds. The hands-on, minds-on experiences she has coordinated in the name of environmental literacy tenets are tremendous and could not happen without these funds. Our students are transformed by these experiences. Our students learn deeply about their local watersheds and how they can become environmental stewards. Our fieldtrips motivate and inspire them to make a difference locally, regionally, nationally, and potentially worldwide.

Thank you for your past support and for considering our request for continued grant support for the Baltimore Lab School Watershed Stewards Program.

Sincerely,



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December 17, 2015

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

Dear Sir or Madam:

On behalf of the High School division of Baltimore Lab School, I am writing in support of the Baltimore Lab School Watershed Stewards of the Chesapeake Bay grant request. As a Master Watershed Steward and Baltimore Lab School Outdoor Education Coordinator, Patti Child has demonstrated great leadership with her students and peer teachers.

Her implementation of the Baltimore Lab School Stewards of the Chesapeake Bay has been very successful and continues to teach environmental literacy in a variety of High School subjects; such as Earth Systems, Biology, Photography, Textile and Costume Design.

100% of our High School students are "oyster gardeners" and have planted over 20,000 oysters on the Fort Carroll Sanctuary reef in the Patapsco river.

Patti's leadership is inspiring and she is supported in her actions by a network of Baltimore Lab teachers. This year we had our first alum Maddie Hunt, graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science from Marshall University. Maddie was one of our first students to participate in the Baltimore Lab School Watershed Stewards program four years ago.

Please consider funding this program again so our students can continue to learn and be motivated to make a difference for the Bay.

If you have any questions about this letter, or my experience with Patti Child, please contact me at 410 261-5500.

Best Regards,



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