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FROM: DR. LOWELL WINSTON, PRINCIPAL

SUBJECT: *EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP AND SERVICES PERFORMED BY DR. JEFFREY FUTRELL/YOUNG MAN UNIVERSITY INC.*

DATE: MAY 28, 2013

We, the faculty members, scholars; and parents of the Northside High School community, would like to express our deepest appreciation to Dr. Jeffery Futrell for his strong and effective leadership during the 2012/2013 school year. Specifically, Dr. Futrell spends an *unestimated number of months, days, and hours* providing exceptional leadership and counseling strategies with our scholars, both male and female, who were gang members here at NHS. Because of Dr. Futrell's leadership, relationships, and knowledge about various gang members in our community and city; gang related activities decreased significantly at Northside High School. *Not ONE GANG FIGHT occurred this school year or over the past four (4) years at Northside.*

Futrell provided unlimited days and hours including weekend workshops for parents and grandparents so that they would have a better understanding of how gang members operate. Not to mention the academic success for our scholars realized from his tutorial services.

In over 35 years as an educator I have yet to see any person have such a profoundly positive impact in the lives of scholars and staff as well. His love and commitment was evident clearly noted in his tireless efforts to help Northside Scholars and the surrounding community. His willingness and cooperative spirit is as unique as the quiet and effect methods he uses to engage our scholar. He is one of the most brilliant academicians I have ever known. His academic and urban balance along with a saint's patience provides the perfect balance needed to address the myriad of issues facing our scholars.

Therefore in my professional opinion I would certainly give the highest recommendation to Young Man University and *Dr. Jeffery R. Futrell, (a.k.a.) Brother J.R.* to any school, community organization, corporations and churches seeking to reduce violence in our schools and community by providing comprehensive current and relevant information in regards to the problem of gangs and gang activity.

Dr. Futrell has been a tremendous asset culturally and educationally for our scholars, faculty members, and parents. *Dr. Futrell ~ Thanks for being a great superstar and leader for our scholars.*

Dr. Lowell Winston

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