

The programs you have created are remarkable. They reflect the power of passion for equality of opportunity, the untapped wisdom of communities and the joy of delegating responsibility to the most able. I am sending this anonymous contribution to help you tell your story.

I ask only that, in telling your story, you consider giving my perspective from evaluating hundreds of business start-ups.

At the beginning, with your tiny amount of capital, no organizational backing, no direct experience in the fields and no successful models to replicate, I believed that the odds against either of the projects succeeding were astronomical. That both projects were selected as national education models means there is an enormously powerful force at the heart of both "local ownership" projects. If these were business ventures I would fund them in second. Tell the story often and well.