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## What My Charter School Means to Me

### *Just another school... or home?*

The soft wind blew gently against my cheek. Children chattered in excitement all around me. Just coming back from break, energy levels were at their max. Doors flew open, and students surged into the building. In most schools, complaints would've normally been bouncing against the walls, for students don't look forward to school. However, laughs rang out, and many hurried to class.

Compared to other schools in the US, the students in our school know each other to the smallest detail. Each grade consisting of only 50 students, children come to this school thinking of it as their home. Students have known the staff and students all their lives; literally grown up with them. Everyone considers themselves cousins, meeting up outside school. However, where is the best meeting spot for us Centralians? School! No wonder students wait their heads off for school to start.

Another thing that motivates our students to learn is the assurance that there are caring people at school. Many people consider school merely as a place where you are required to succeed. On the contrary, our school is the very center of our community. Parents, teachers, students, they all come and meet. Not the 'How's he doing?' and 'She's an amazing student'. I mean people meeting by chance for the first time, and becoming life-long friends! The teachers here don't just give the tests and quizzes. They meet every student head-on, right by his or her side when he or she need help on geometry, or are being bullied. It's reassuring knowing that the adults at your school care about you, from algebra to biology!

What I think makes my charter school the most special is that they prepare you for college, step by step. There are programs that prepare you for things that you might never find in other schools. There are classes from healthcare to self-finance.

Whether it's a class on responsibility, or a special program preparing you on organization, our school can prepare you not only for college, but for life.

From a close community to a safe environment, our charter school is everything a kid could ever want. As a matter of fact, any school with these qualities qualifies as the best.

What does *your* charter school mean to you?