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To Whom It May Concern,

When I heard about the opportunity for our students to engage in Equine Learning with Spirit Winds Ranch, I was thrilled that students would be exposed to a unique way of learning that the classroom could not offer. Challenges, exposure to new situations, and team work were areas where I thought the experience would be helpful with.

The equine learning experience exceeded my expectations in all aspects. Students demonstrated exceptional growth of character, compassion, confidence and perseverance which translated to their classroom experiences and beyond. Laurel and her team are highly skilled and intentional about how they set up the sessions. Students gain confidence by making their own choices and reflecting on them within a structured environment, while Laurel facilitates. In working together, and guiding their horses through a series of challenges, students forge a strong bond with these animals and an experience that cannot be replicated in a classroom.

We are grateful to have had this opportunity, and the many benefits that our school has received from it. Transformational education is a popular term that is talked about and strived for in schools. Equine learning has been transformational for our students and our school.

Sincerely,

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