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Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to underscore the invaluable experience of home educating families in providing individualized curriculums that lead to exceptionally high-quality education outcomes for our children. It is our collective experience that personalized, tailored programs not only promote deep engagement but also foster levels of achievement that far surpass those achievable within the confines of a standardized curriculum designed for institutional settings.

We are currently onto our second year of homeschooling our son and based on our experiences so far, homeschooling has allowed us, as parents, to craft educational experiences that are uniquely suited to the interests, strengths, and learning styles of our child. By tailoring the curriculum to meet his individual needs, we can provide him with a level of engagement and motivation that is often unimaginable within the constraints of a one-size-fits-all approach.

Our experience has shown that individualized programs enable our child to pursue their passions, delve deeply into subjects that captivate their curiosity, and develop critical thinking skills that will serve them well throughout their lives. By empowering our child to take ownership of his learning and follow his own paths of inquiry, we are preparing him to thrive in an ever-changing world that demands adaptability and creativity.

Furthermore, individualized education fosters a love of learning that extends beyond the classroom and into all aspects of our children's lives. They are not simply memorizing facts and figures but are actively engaged in the process of discovery, exploration, and problem-solving.

In conclusion, I urge the committee to recognize the profound impact of individualized education in homeschooling and to respect the autonomy of homeschooling families to continue providing personalized curriculums that best serve the needs of our children. By embracing the diversity of approaches within homeschooling, we can ensure that every child receives a high-quality education that prepares them for success in the 21st century and beyond.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely, Christine & Marcus De Luis