



# Orange County Public Schools

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Dear Grantor:

Orange County Public Schools (OCPS), the 10<sup>th</sup> largest school district in the nation, endorses *Education Is Cool-Get One!, Inc.* (EICGO), a life long Literacy non-profit organization created to get families involved with their children's education. "*Education Is Cool. Get One!*" is not just a slogan but rather a resounding educational battle cry that challenges the current education situation. Studies show that students excel in school when their families take an active role in their education.

*Education Is Cool-Get One! Inc.* serves as a motivational enrichment program and resource for school-age youth (K through 12) in assuring that they successfully pass state-mandated academic competency examinations through active family involvement. EICGO actively assists in the academic improvement and social enrichment of students, parents, guardians, mentors, volunteers, churches and community organizations. They believe that in order for any viable academic successes in America to last longer than just short-term gain for many students, the family unit must "step-up" its substantive educational involvement.

This 501(C)3 foundation believes in the direct correlation that achieving a quality education positively correlates into a productive, taxpaying citizen. EICGO advocates that youth not only obtain their high school diplomas, but further their intellectual development in various areas of higher education. In order to succeed with this journey, both EICGO and I believe that private citizens and businesses must support the efforts of foundations, such as this, to ensure that our students and future leaders reach their maximum potential. The EICGO leadership believes that family involvement and support is a significant predictor of student success.

Financial donations and grants are used to provide EICGO literature and resources to OCPS students and their families. The EICGO foundation provides awareness and knowledge that empowers families and strengthens communities.

OCPS strongly endorses the EICGO foundation and applauds your efforts that will motivate communities, families and students to achieve higher standards of excellence.

Sincerely,

Ronald Blocker  
Superintendent