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CHARTER SCHOOL

Propel McKeesport is a school with many opportunities for its students. Before you think, *Oh! It's just a teacher who really wants to write this essay to make it seem like their school is good when it's not!* you're wrong. (Or are you?) This essay is coming from an 8th grade student herself who wants to explain why she loves her school. When I was younger, I was just a kid who was growing up in a bad neighborhood with no where but my home to feel safe. Then, when I started to attend Propel in Kindergarten, my life changed for the better. Propel gives kids opportunities that some schools don't have, like creative arts, teachers who care, and an environment that is safe.

For starters, I love my charter school because my school offers me classes, like creative arts. An example of a creative arts program is Hip Hop on Lock. This specific class gave me hope for my future by helping me know that there is a world out there with millions of different ways I can achieve my dreams. And that all starts with Propel. Hip Hop on Lock teaches me to speak my mind and to make sure my voice is heard and respected and to not back down for what I want. The song lyrics I write in that class are something I always look forward to because then I can write my words, my passion, my thoughts on a piece of paper (or a computer) and I know I will have a good support system to help me get better.

The teachers are another reason why I love my charter school. They all unconditionally give their very best to help students learn so they can grow up and be successful. Not once have I ever felt like I wasn't learning or given a lesser opportunity for my education. They take their time to listen to us, help us, and give us reason on why to not let the places we come from define us. They want us to set our own mark on the world and shape our future with our own hands.

Lastly, I love my charter school, Propel McKeesport, because they have an environment that is safe. I know I won't be ridiculed for not having an answer right and I know to not be

afraid to raise my hand. I'm a very shy person, but I've slowly been thriving in becoming more outgoing because I know I won't be made fun of. The environment of my charter school isn't toxic and therefore, there's scarcely any 'drama.' Having a safe environment is beneficial; it helps everyone in the building.

Propel McKeesport is a charter school that I love because they have creative arts, teachers who care, and an environment that is safe. And for this I'm thankful for my academic home: my charter school. Can you say the same thing about your past middle school?