Community Services Committee 11/9/2022 5:30p.m. Agenda Item #74521

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Dear City of Madison Community Services Commission Members:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Omega School and its impact on my life.

I am a graduate of Omega School. If it wasn't for the supportive instruction, overall environment and one on one tutoring I would not have been able to complete my GED. The care, dedication and support was a very unique experience to me. Omega offered me transportation services, food when I would come in because I was working and had no time to prepare a meal. They connected me with appropriate services as needed so that I could continue going to school. Before Omega I did try going directly to the college and signing up for GED classes, but my anxiety stopped me from continuing in that route mainly due to it being a less one on one peer support and it just seemed overwhelming.

At the time I was a mother of 2 young children, one had severe developmental disabilities so the stressful situation I was in was already overwhelming. Finding Omega was a blessing to me and my family. I was able to graduate and then continue on to a College education. I was the first in my family to graduate from college. I am forever grateful for Omega because I truly feel they offered me the educational supportive services I could not have received anywhere else.

I plea for you to reconsider the recommendations and restore funding for Omega School to its' current funding level.

Please reach out to me if you need additional information via-email Tomytepepa@gmail.com or at the address and phone number listed on this letter.

Sincerely,

Tomy Tepepa