

Fullbright Avenue Elementary School

6940 FULLBRIGHT AVENUE, WINNETKA, CA 91306

Telephone (818) 340-6677 Fax (818) 340-1052

VIVIAN K. EKCHIAN
*Interim Superintendent of
Schools*

JOSEPH NACORDA
*Superintendent
Local District Northwest*

MICHAEL K. PAYNE
Principal

February 1, 2018

To Whom it May Concern:

This letter is written in support of Wise Readers to Leaders.

I am the principal of Fullbright Elementary School, a school that has participated in Wise Readers to Leaders' summer program for the last six years at Stephen S. Wise Temple. The program has been a huge success and its impact has been incredibly significant on our students. The students from my school who attended the program continue to benefit tremendously.

As a result of cutbacks at LAUSD, there are no summer programs for the students who attend my school. While any no-cost summer program would be beneficial to these students during the long summer months, this program offers far more than the typical summer program. Wise Readers to Leaders provides a uniquely designed reading curriculum to instill in students a love for learning and a desire to succeed. Moreover, the program is taught by bright and engaged college students, supported by local high school students, all of whom instilled in our students a sense of self-confidence and passion about what they can achieve.

Wise Readers to Leaders' students return to our school in the fall not only as stronger readers, but with their heads held a little higher and with a positive attitude about their learning. They talk incessantly about the program and look forward to returning again the next summer.

We at Fullbright feel so fortunate to have been paired up with this incredible program. It is our hope that the program will continue to grow and appear in more venues for our LAUSD schools around the city.

Sincerely,



Michael Payne,
Principal