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Urban Academy Board:

What a difference a year makes! After three years of suffering in the New Westminster school system this past year at Urban Academy has been incredible.

The decision to move to Urban Academy was a difficult one. There is an obvious dollar cost involved in a move like this, but we're very confident that this is the best investment we've ever made.

The work of Mr. Bouchard and Mrs. Celis is outstanding! In our first meeting with Mr. Bouchard we outlined our many frustrations with Ayden's previous school, and explained what we wanted to see from UA. One of our main goals was to be kept in the loop at all times so there wouldn't be any surprises around Ayden's progress. Both Mrs. Celis and Mr. Bouchard exceeded our expectations in this area. In fact it is fair to say that Mr. Bouchard and all the staff at Urban Academy have gone beyond our expectations in all areas.

It is so refreshing to come to the end of a school year and not have to worry about the future. It's a great comfort to know our boy's are not going through a system as statistics used in funding schemes and political negotiations. At Urban Academy it is clear our children are being cared for, and guided through, the very important process of basic education by skilled, compassionate, committed, professionals that have **the student's best interest** at heart!

The board and all the staff should be very proud of what is happening at Urban Academy.

Thank you very much!

Greg, Sue, Ayden, and Axel (UA 2007/08) Sanderson