

Why Is West shore School So Great?!

Dear school board,

My name is Cassandra and I finished grade nine at Dunsmuir middle school in July 2009, and I started the Jump Ahead Foundation in September 2009. This program has worked for me in so many ways; it is very relaxed and feels super casual. This school unlike others have no fights and or drama. We do a lot of talking and evaluating on articles from the news or radio. Devon actually cares and thinks about how we feel, she makes us feel welcomed and comfortable. We also get to work at our own pace, and we do most of our work by talking as a group instead of working out of textbooks, does that really work or is that any fun? No. It's a smaller environment, less kids and it's easier for Devon to get around and help each one of us. It also helps by giving us confidence and meeting new people; a lot of us have other stuff going on outside of school and this is like a little getaway. Though we have no school on Friday she still gives us the option to come in and get caught up. It's also nice that we have someone like Alex to come in and help us with our work when needed, and she also is the school counsellor and she's always there if we just need to talk. Devon uses unique things to get our attention in subjects we aren't so fond of she used pizza one day to help teach us about factors, little examples like theses are what make us so different. We have the student lounge and store front as well if we need space to get our work done. We aren't like other schools but it works for everyone here I never used to go to school, but now i enjoy coming here; So if people just took the time to see what it was really like here maybe they'd understand that its helped a lot of people accomplish what they want to do.