



## ROXBURY WESTON PROGRAMS, INC.

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Dear Families, Friends, and Supporters:

As we move into our 51st year, Roxbury Weston Programs is the longest running, voluntarily integrated educational program in the country. We are very proud that our program is built upon a mission to bring families together in a learning community dedicated to the celebration of diversity and excellence in early care and education. Roxbury Weston's unique community is committed to meeting the educational needs of the whole child and encouraging friendship amongst children of all backgrounds.

Many of our children who are introduced to Roxbury Weston at the preschool, receive a strong educational and social foundation, and then continue to elementary school and go on to our CATCH afterschool enrichment program (Children Achieving Through Community Hope). We often hear stories about our students and the positive impact that the Roxbury Weston Preschool program and CATCH program have had on their lives, and the following is one of those examples.



We would like to introduce you to Simone (pictured below, bottom right), a current sixth grader in the Weston Middle School. Simone's parents made the commitment to Simone's education at the young age of 3, by seeking out Roxbury Weston Preschool. Simone's mother comments that "after much research I realized that Roxbury Weston Preschool had the integration and the curriculum that I desired for my daughter." She believes that this early commitment to education has paved the way to Simone's continued success. Simone graduated from Roxbury Weston Preschool and was accepted into the Weston METCO program. Simone has been attending the CATCH afterschool program since her kindergarten year. Her mother says, "The CATCH program has shown Simone that education continues outside the classroom. She realizes that there is more valuable work to be done after school is over." Leslie Jordan, the CATCH program director, says that Simone is a wonderful role model for the younger students at CATCH, and "she arrives each day with enthusiasm and jumps right into her homework." Leslie believes that Simone has thrived in her academic career because of the opportunities Roxbury Weston Programs have provided to her, as well as her hard work and dedication.

Your support is vital to Roxbury Weston Programs. The strength of our program stems from our founding principles of providing an excellent early educational experience for all children and celebrating diversity in an inclusive community of race and culture. This school year we are able to offer tuition assistance to 47% of our students because of your generosity. Scholarship is at the heart of our mission to make quality education affordable for all. Each dollar we raise supports children like Simone, who will continue to grow and thrive and make our world a better place to live.

Please join us this year by supporting Roxbury Weston Programs. **The magic of giving to Roxbury Weston Programs is that each dollar you give directly benefits the children we serve, not only today, but into the future.**

We thank you for your ongoing support.



Sincerely,

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