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Mr. Luis Perez-Tolon
EMILIA Productions, LLC
Miami Beach, Florida

Dear Mr. Perez-Tolon:

Miami-Dade County Public Schools endorses EMILIA Productions, LLC's documentary film, *A Coach for Inclusion: The Ani Perez Story*. The school district administration fully supports a film that follows Ani Perez and the diverse students with disabilities at American Senior High School whose lives have been transformed through the Adaptive Physical Education program and Ms. Perez's coaching method.

Ms. Perez's sports program for students with disabilities is an extension of the basic Adaptive Physical Education instructional program. It is designed to maximize opportunities for school and student participation. This program bridges the gap between those who have disabilities and those who do not. Empowering all of them by bringing them together is a model, not only for the state, but for the entire nation.

The portrayal of personal stories and positive lifestyle changes of these students and their families, intertwined with Ani's teaching curriculum throughout the academic year at American Senior High School, has strong potential to engage viewers and raise awareness of the need for programs like Ani's. The stories of equity, socialization, and integration in this film will inspire general audiences and provide a tool for parents, teachers, and social workers, as well as school, law enforcement, and private enterprise administrators who play an integral role in providing opportunities for people with disabilities.

We wish you and your production team at Emilia Productions great success as you continue working on *A Coach for Inclusion: The Ani Perez Story*. We also encourage funding organizations to support this important film.

Sincerely,



Alberto M. Carvalho
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