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TO: GOVERNOR, CHRISTINE TODD-WHITMAN

FROM: CONSTANCE L. DAYS

RE: TANG SOO MARTIAL ARTS

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This year has been the first year that my class has been given the privilege of participating in the martial arts. The Tang Soo Martial Arts program has benefited my students in many ways. There are two which come to mind.

First, the program has provided my students with an opportunity for exposure in the martial arts. Many of my students probably would not have participated in Karate had not the coordinators developed a grant partnership with North Main Street School.

Secondly, the martial arts program has helped my students by emphasizing the importance of self-control and self-reliance. Every child must realize that he or she must answer for their own actions. Often students tend to shift responsibility from themselves on to others. This training has helped my students to develop independence, accept accountability for the choices that they make, and to know that whenever an irresponsible behavior is displayed consequences are expected to follow.

As our children prepare to become future leaders of tomorrow, programs across the country are needed to help steer and guide them in the right direction. I feel that the Tang Soo Martial Arts offers such guidance and that they are making a difference in the lives of many of our children.