



January 2, 2015

Dear Cosby Media Productions,

It is with distinct pleasure that we write this letter of support and endorsement for our childhood friend, local leader, role model, and well respected Author, Keshawn Dodds, and the Menuzo Solar Warriors series. We have had the privilege of knowing Mr. Dodds for many years. He has given an inordinate amount of his time in an effort to serve the whole Springfield community in a variety of facets.

His commitment to education and empowering our youth to dream and believe in themselves is genuinely remarkable. In our city of Springfield, poverty is high, the graduation rate is one of the lowest in the state of Massachusetts, and many of our children do not read proficiently by third grade. Mr. Dodds is an inspiration to our children and community, and his dedicated work on the Menuzo Solar Warriors series represents his understanding of the importance of literacy for every child.

As parents of an aspiring preschooler, a Springfield School Committee member, and Justin, a former high school English teacher and Literacy Coordinator, we understand the importance of reading, but more importantly a child having the experience of reading a book that captures and retains their attention and consequently igniting an interest in reading.

Denise and I are confident and whole heartedly believe the Menuzo Solar Warriors series will fulfill its mission to gain the admiration of avid readers as well as develop the minds of reluctant readers. We are thankful and proud of Mr. Dodds's book series.

Once more, without reservation, we offer our support and endorsement of Author Keshawn Dodds, and the Menuzo Solar Warriors series.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if necessary.

Sincerely,

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