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From: Nicole E. Sanca [sancan1@mail.montclair.edu]
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To Whom it May Concern,

> I am shocked as I have just been informed of the
> unfortunate news about the possibility of closing down the
> ACES ECA program. I am currently a sophomore dance
> major at Montclair State University in New Jersey, and would
> not have gotten where I am today without having spent my
> four years of high school at ECA. The biggest problem
> amongst many of my peers is time management. Because of
> having experienced having to complete academic classes at my
> public high school, and then attending ECA for dance
> until 4PM, was a college experience in itself. It compared
> me completely for hectic dance rehearsals required to
> fulfill the B.F.A. requirements in college, while
> maintaining over a 3.5 GPA every semester since I have
> been enrolled. Not many students at my school can tell our
> professional dance instructors from New York City that we
> had THEIR teachers as teachers at ECA! Living in a small
> suburban town, the diversity amongst the ECA population
> has allowed me to become a much more mature and
> knowledgeable person about all different types of
> people so I can communicate and work easily with them. I
> strongly feel that being a student at ACES ECA has had
> the most positive impact on my life anyone could have ever
> intended. Through my time there, I grew enough to realize
> how many kids were just like me, when I had felt out of
> place in my public high school. I became very comfortable
> with myself and thank my experiences for helping me maintain
> focus and keep my priorities straight in college. I
> have also gained multiple friendships and bonds with
> ECA students, as well as staff members, that are
> unbreakable to this day, not to mention the array of
> networking. From the day I first toured the ACES
> ECA campus I knew it was a place where I would
> enjoy learning. I credit this school giving me the most
> positive, educational, and helpful years of high school I
> could have had. Closing down ECA would rob future
> students, like all those who have previously attended,
> from the privilege of having the positive experiences I
> have had impact my life. Please take deep consideration of
> my testimony. Thank you for your time, Nicole Sanca.
> Orange, CT