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November 13th, 2020

Re: Virtual Learning Program of PUMP Initiative

To Whom It May Concern,

As a life-long public servant and now as a State Senator, education has always been my number one priority. I believe education is the key to uplift all people, and we must advocate to ensure our children receive the best quality education so they can be whatever they want to be when they grow up and pursue their dreams.

The PUMP Initiative was founded to assist children in Harlem with SAT and Specialized High School Admissions Test (SHSAT) preparatory programs. I do not support these standardized tests as measurements of student achievement or as gatekeepers with such high stakes, but I appreciate any community program that seeks to uplift our youth.

Since the pandemic began, PUMP has shifted focus to offer mentorship and support for remote learning by partnering with community stakeholders to offer one-on-one guidance and new content creation. I support this vision to provide quality programming to the students of Harlem as they struggle with learning under COVID-19, and I look forward to the PUMP Initiative's continued success.

In Unity,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Robert Jackson'. The signature is stylized with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Robert Jackson
Senator, 31st District