

# Here's More of What We Learned

## *My Will*

*I thought to be alone this year  
to worry about the world and what harm it will bring.  
But I stopped and said no!  
I will break that cycle for my namesake.  
I have been traveling with some friends of mine.  
Their names are Imagine Chicago.  
They taught me many things about the world.  
How it's made up of people, color, beauty, places and opportunity.  
Now I seek to be united, and what greatness I will bring to the world.*

*-A parent from Suder School*

*"I did not openly speak or volunteer as much as I do now that I've come to the meetings. I feel that participation is an important part of the meetings. I did not write as much, but I know how to put my feelings on paper now."*

*-A parent from Byrd Community Academy*

*"I used to just sit and listen and think that what little I had to say was not important, but now I know that whatever anybody says is meaningful."*

*-A parent from Corliss High School*

*"We used to spend weekend time at home but now whenever we can we visit museums. I didn't spend time with people from different cultures. Now I love to share my time with people from different cultures and I learned a lot about their beliefs, lifestyle, and culture."*

*-A parent from Locke School*

*"My family used to spend more than the usual time watching T.V. but now we spend more time communicating with one another and doing family things together. I was not aware of the things about cultures in the trips we have taken; I've expanded my activities and opinions. Now, I participate in my child's school involvement, in school and out."*

*- A parent from Gale Community Academy*

*“My family used to sit at home playing play station on the weekend. Now we visit different museums. We used to sit home on vacation days but now we travel throughout the city on different forms of transportation. My family used to think that education happened only at school but now they see they can learn things through visiting museums.”*

*- A parent from Byrd Community Academy*

*“Now I can express myself better and it makes me feel like a free person. Education should be our first priority. The city us a great place to learn. Everywhere I go now I learn more about the world.”*

*-A parent from Locke School*

*“I’m understanding the need of involvement. My children used to study alone uninterested. Now we do group studying and discussions, homework as well as personal interests. We continue practices learned at school to improve social activities at home”.*

*- A parent from Corliss High School*

*“I used to take my son to movies or indoor play parks but now we visit several places in the city and make our visits into learning experiences for both of us”.*

*- A parent from Corliss High School*