

Mom to Noah Westview Parent 2010-2022 Westview Employee 2020-present

Dear Friend of Westview,

It was twelve years ago that my son, Noah first walked into The Westview School. He was three years old, with little reciprocal communication, a super active body, and a growing brain we knew was capable of great learning. From the start, it was clear that Westview would be a special place for our family. From Early Childhood Development to Middle School, the years at Westview have proven that to be true. What a blessing this school has been for our family. And as Noah begins his first year ever at a new school and the start of a high school program, I can't help but think of all the benefits a Westview education has provided him.

Here's the thing about Noah: We have always known he was smart and capable of learning - academics were the easy part for him. What he needed to be successful was dedicated support in certain areas: he struggles with attention and hyperactivity; he has anxiety over random things like fire drills and math homework. It has always been important to us that Noah learn who he is and how to interact with the world around him appropriately.

After twelve years as a student at The Westview School, I can say this about Noah. He is confident in himself and happy, although... slightly teenagery these days. He enjoys school and has been dubbed by many a Westview teacher as a "professional student." He has great friends, some he's known since first grade. Most importantly, he likes who he is and sees his differences as making him unique.

He has a strong sense of self that comes from years of being supported in the areas he has struggled with and celebrated for his strengths. And this is what Westview has done for him.

It's a bold claim, but you will find no bigger fan of this school than me. In 2020, I joined the staff of Westview as Communications Director. The mission of The Westview School is an important one to the Houston community, and being able to play a significant role in spreading this message has been a joy. I know that there are many worthy organizations to support, but the work that Westview does is so important in our world.



I would be delighted for you to support The Westview Fund and choose Westview as your charity of choice this year.

Sarah