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JA World Huizenga Center at Broward College

September 13, 2016

Mr. Joseph J. Kavanagh, MPA, CMC City of Margate 5790 Margate Blvd. Margate, FL 33063

Dear Mr. Kavanagh and Commissioners,

Junior Achievement of South Florida is proud to have served 950 students from the City of Margate last year alone!

- Atlantic West Elementary, 120
- Liberty Elementary, 150
- Margate Elementary, 168
- Margate Middle, 445
- Abundant Life Christian Academy, 67

Junior Achievement programs are primarily funded by individual and corporate donors. The cost of serving one student at JA World is \$85. Broward County Public Schools recently approved funding of approximately \$13 per student. However, sustaining JA programs and JA World will require the investment of the entire community, including the public, philanthropic and private sectors. We must all invest in this essential education. The students we are training today are the future drivers of our local economy - our consumers, our employees, our business owners.

Junior Achievement of South Florida has received a challenge/match grant from a private donor of \$250,000 specifically to help secure public funding for the 2016-17 school year. Every dollar received from a public agency, including Broward's 31 cities, will be matched dollar for dollar. We respectively request that the City of Margate consider match funding of just \$8.13 per Atlantic West Elementary 5th grade student, or \$1,000, for the 2016-17 school year and partner with JA to prepare the youth of your city.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at 954-979-7111 or laurie@jasouthflorida.org. Also, if you haven't had the opportunity to visit JA World Huizenga Center at Broward College, I encourage you to come by for a tour! Seeing the students in action is truly inspiring!

Sincerely,

Laurie Sallarulo President/CEO

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