Dear 4th Grade Class of P.S. 165,

As you are starting your solutionary efforts, we want you to know that your work is all about having fun while helping change the world. We, the middle school TEAK Class 18, have just begun our own solutionary projects ourselves, and it has been amazing. We have learned many things, and this is what we want you to know as you continue to try and find solutions for the world. First, you must choose your passion in life, something you absolutely love, and it can be anything at all. Next you must try to relate your passion to a problem in the world. Then comes the challenging part, you must find a way to fix this problem so that it no longer exists in the world. It sounds hard right? Well it can be, but it is possible! Your solutions must be friendly to all beings on earth. No matter how you try to solve a problem, you must make sure your solution does not hurt people, the environment, animals, or anything else on the Earth. A solutionary solution must get to the source of the problem and fix it from there and not just reduce the problem. Though this sounds like hard work, it definitely can be done!

We encourage you all to take positive risks and remember your goals and passions as you begin to change the world for the better. One day you’ll look back on the changes you’ve made in the world and smile. You’ll be astonished to learn that children, no matter what age, can change the world! We wish you luck on your journey to be problem solvers in the world and hope you succeed. If you fail in some ways, you must use your failures as a springboard and continue working. We hope to work with you all and get to know you all so we can all create a better world together! As Norman Vincent Peale said, “Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you’ll land amongst the stars.”

With Heart,

Angela Osei-Ampadu, Grade 7, and TEAK Class 18

Dear Teak Class 18,

We are very glad that you let us join your program. Our class will work hard to help the world and be proactive in finding ways to help the planet. We will try to solve problems so we won’t cause any harm to a single living organism. Our class also already has ideas to change the world. For example, we may want to educate others about the dangers of violent video games and t.v. shows. Also, we might want to educate others about purchasing eco friendly cars, ride bikes, getting more exercise and using public transportation. We have also been learning a lot about homelessness and may want to work towards helping kids and families who don’t have homes. Another example is that we are studying endangered species and want to teach others to stop poaching and hunting to save endangered animals and learn more about products that don’t harm animals and the environment. Protecting endangered species may be hard but it is worth a try. This program will influence us greatly to see the world in a new sight with our eyes and minds.

Now, we will introduce ourselves. We are one, very intelligent class. We especially like to talk about the things that are going on in the world. Our class got into a heated discussion about why ISIS might have attacked Paris. We may never know, but we did have some ideas. Some of us thought it’s because of having different religions or beliefs. We think that some people may attack due to misconceptions and not understanding each other. We also think that watching violent t.v. shows & playing violent video games makes young people angry as well as more likely to destroy and hurt people. We decided we needed not to show fear by going on with our regular lives. These are some of the ideas we had. Our class also likes to watch videos about issues that are happening around us (ex: we watched a video about a homeless boy and his dog in the Philippines who were loyal to each other).

Doing things that could change the world will greatly please us. We have many ideas of what to change. Our class is thinking of ways to making peace with those that we have differences with (including our enemies). Even if this change might be the hardest, it is worth a try. Another change we want to make is to do more to help more homeless people. Homeless people have no shelter and very little money. Some of us already have ideas how to help with homelessness. Joining your program might help us learn new things and make many changes.

Your program may help us a lot. We may learn about what kinds of problems there are in the world. Our class will also learn how to make changes to help our world be a better place. This Solutionary Congress program will be a great benefit and influence for us to help us make changes and see our world in new eyes.

Sincerely,

Jin K. and class 4-315