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### Embracing Lifelong learning

When I was young I would hear “school” every time I was at home or in school. I grew up in an Asian household. To our community of people, school is very important and if I drop out my family and relatives would be so disappointed. Being in an Asian household after-school and summer school is a required program for younger kids because my parents want me to be super smart. Ever since I was young I hated school and I thought learning was useless, until now when I got older school was super important because without going to school I wouldn’t get any knowledge or learn new things. I chose the right path to continue with school because when I was a kid I was waiting to be done with high school and find a job. My parents would say “Continue with school and have a good career so we can retire.” I thought to myself and I said “Right, I should have a good career and I want you both to have a good life.” Ever since then my mindset has changed. I would work so hard and set myself goals.

I wouldn’t consider myself as smart but I would try my best and work hard on it to achieve a good grade. When I was in elementary school I was placed in an ESL class because my English wasn’t as strong as others. I would feel so stupid compared to my friends who were all better than me. When it came to the parent-teacher - conference I would get so anxious that my parents would be ashamed or disappointed because they would compare me with my classmates. My mom would say “ Our next parent-teacher - conference, if I see all 90-100% of all your classes/assignments, I will have a surprise.” That gave me a spark in the eyes. I said, “ Yes, I will

make sure I will achieve 90-100% and I will show and prove that I can get those grades.” I was focused on reading every night to my mom and wrote a summary of the book before I went to sleep.

My parents wanted the best for me. I got pushed to the limits. I am glad that I turned out to be a stronger person. Learning at a young age the brain develops more and it learns faster than older people. If I started to learn now it would be late because everyone should start attending school at a young age. My mindset has changed over time. I would enjoy school more than I used to. Over time the word “school” symbolizes more than just an academic institution; it gives aspiration to immigrants seeking a better life for their children. Going to “school” my parents made sacrifices, they also despite facing their own struggles just to support their own children's educational journey. Education is a path to overcome obstacles and achieve success in the world.

The word “school” carried a unique resonance within the community. These experiences helped me grow. For example, having anxiety teaches me resilience. I recognize the profound impact of this word on my life. Without school, I wouldn't be who I am today. I believe that having an education is important because without school there are fewer chances to learn something new and jobs will have less chance of hiring. This has impacted me positively and that school is not easy for everyone. For instance, for myself going to school helped me build imagination and social emotion. When I attend school I reflect on the mistakes I have made in the past. School is still with me throughout my life. I am still in school today. It will make a big impact on my life once I graduate.

I believe that everyone should know the word “school” because it is used in this diverse world we live in today. Anyone who goes to school will become a better person. Having an education will become more successful because compared to those who don't have an education

it makes a big impact. An important event that I will never forget with this word was when my Mom made me write every day to improve my writing and spelling skills. I would cry when I was young just because I didn't understand. If I did anything wrong I would have to redo the whole thing and start over again. This moment I will never forget because it impacted me and made me grow as a person. I believe that tufting up the children will make them stronger in life because children are good at training when they are young.

Another important event that happened was when my mom used to ground me saying "I am going to take your iPad away if the schoolwork is not done properly." I would cry until I finished my school work because my iPad was my everything. I would play games on it and watch YouTube. It was a habit for me to do every day. I would tell my mom, "Ok, I will do it right now so then my iPad won't be taken away." Ever since that day she said about my iPad I was worried if she would ever say it again, so I started to keep track of my school work and made sure she would never say that again. I improved every day and made myself less addicted to the iPad and it made my parents proud.

In Conclusion, the word "school" is a very powerful word. I believe everyone in life should have the opportunity to get an education and attend school. I learned a lot from my previous thinking. Going to school made me improve in life more. I am glad I can receive this education and continue with my school. It made me gain more knowledge in this case. Overall, I am a changed person and a smarter person than when I was young.