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To whom it may concern:

I have been fortunate to see firsthand the impact Futurekids can have on a school. As the Title VII Coordinator at Community School 211 from 1999-2002, I had an opportunity to work closely with Futurekids instructors in planning professional development for our teachers and paraprofessionals and technology integration with our students.

Staff enthusiastically embraced the professional development opportunities offered by Futurekids through our Title VII Comprehensive School Grant. Furthermore, the projects our students completed with guidance from Futurekids instructors had real world applications. I was pleased to see how these activities were correlated to state standards and prepared our students for assessments such as the 8<sup>th</sup> grade New York State Math Exam.

The professionalism and knowledge exhibited by instructors was instrumental in the success of our program. The demeanor of instructors set an inviting tone for our staff who had different levels of proficiency in technology skills and integration. Even today, walking throughout the school and seeing what teachers and paraprofessionals have done to integrate technology within the curriculum, I smile to see the lasting effects of our school's contact with Futurekids.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Gil