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Dear Community Member:

We are writing to express our gratitude for assisting us in providing the opportunity to participate in the Chess Tutors Program. We sincerely believe that we have a fundamental and moral obligation to provide our students with enhanced educational opportunities. Through the chess program we saw our students not only gain learning skills that enhanced their memory accuracy and concentration ability, we also witnessed a tremendous boost in their own self esteem.

The Chess instructors took a sincere interest in both teaching our students the fundamentals of chess and in realizing their own limitless potential. Whether it was giving a special muscle clap to encourage and individual to offer answers, or emphasizing how much thought goes into "checkmate", each lesson further empowered our students. Students were forced to think and not simply espouse previously learned concepts.

Chess Tutors has given several "at-risk" students a reason to come to school. The program provides not only a "fun" activity to attend afterschool, but instructors that make them feel truly gifted. In an era where most of the jobs our students will obtain have not even been created, Chess Tutors has provided a foundation for critical thinking with an edge on problem solving. Our only hope is that we will be able to provide our students with the next five phases of the program.

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Lupe Grajeda, Principal

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