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I write this letter to express my sincere gratitude for the commitment and hard work that RSVP has provided for my school. Kensington Health Sciences Academy (KHSa) serves a highly diverse student population who come from Philadelphia's most economically impoverished neighborhoods. Because of the challenges urban poverty brings, many of our students have limited opportunities for breaking the cycle of poverty and entering careers that will allow them access into the middle class. Beyond employment, both local and national data suggest that schools that are willing to offer STEM education improve competitiveness in technology and improved workforce development. STEM education for all students is linked to our nation's future prosperity.

It is almost counter intuitive to believe that we can make a difference. The average student student comes to KHSa as a freshman 3.5 years below grade level. Many would argue that we have failed our children. It is imperative efforts similar to My Free Tutor be available for my students if they are going to experience the turnaround that is so desperately needed academically. It's not that my kids lack imagination, it's that they lack hope. My Free Tutor is truly a hope giver.

It is without reservation that I endorse RSVP and thank them for their effort.

Sincerely,

James Williams
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Principal

"Successful change depends upon the attitudes and the actions of the people involved."