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Mr. George Nassis
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Dear Mr. Nassis and Mr. Gelke,

We are writing to share a few of the instructional successes we have enjoyed since we've begun using New Path Learning materials.

We have used the New Path materials for the past two school years. They are the ideal support for small group instruction in all academic areas. Students find the materials engaging. Our teachers find the materials easy to work with and have noticed that they are well aligned with New York State learning standards.

Last year we used the Social Studies materials to prepare for the NYS Social Studies 5 Exam. We pre-tested our 5th graders in September, and found 75% below the state passing level. We used the New Path materials in twice-weekly after-school tutorial sessions for the eight weeks leading up to the November exam, and had amazing results; 89% of our students passed!

Over the course of our sixteen-session winter Saturday School, we used the ELA and Math materials. We saw gains in NYS ELA and Math Exam scores at all grade levels tested, 3rd through 6th. We increased from an overall ELA passing rate of 67.6% in 2008 to 76.6% in 2009. Our overall passing rate in Math increased from 67.5% in 2008 to 81.5% in 2009.

This spring, we used the New Path materials to prepare our 4th graders for the NYS Science 4 Exam. Again, the results were amazing; 97.6% of our students passed!

We are absolutely convinced that New Path Learning materials have made the difference in our students' progress. The support you have given, through training as well as with materials, has allowed us to meet the goals of our School Improvement Plan. Thank you for all you have done to help ensure the success of our students. We look forward to continuing to work with you in the future.

Sincerely yours,

Denise Rainey
Mrs. Denise Rainey,
Principal