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Hamid Ebrahimi, CEO and National Director  
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Dear Hamid,

As I approach retirement and reflect on my 40+ years in education, I wanted to take a minute to thank you and Project SEED for your work with students and teachers. Project Seed has been one of the highlights of my administrative career.

The first time I saw a Project SEED lesson, I was mesmerized by the student engagement created by active teaching. Who could have imagined an entire class of students in a Title I school investigating advanced algebraic concepts with enthusiasm, understanding and confidence? Twenty years later I still see the Socratic questions and the engagement techniques involving all the students in the lessons while modeling effective strategies for the classroom teachers.

In both the Indianapolis Public Schools (IPS) and Washington Township Schools, the positive impact of Project SEED on students and teachers has been evident. Our students in IPS who had Project SEED instruction have shown positive increases in their ISTEP scores along with a jump start on Algebra when they reach secondary school. With support from Project SEED, our teachers have improved both their pedagogy and their math content knowledge. This has enabled them to become more effective mathematics teachers. I also believe the kind of thinking that takes place in Project SEED classes is exactly what is needed for both students and teachers as we transition to the Common Core State Standards.

I hope that you will continue your excellent work and that Project SEED will continue to flourish in IPS and other districts around Indiana and the United States.

Sincerely,

Eugene G. White, Ed.D.  
Superintendent