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21st CCLC Grant Program

To Whom It May Concern:

Subject: Pip Youth Leadership Program Grant

It has come to my attention that Gonzalo Garza Independence High School has submitted an application for the *Pip Start Youth Leadership Program* grant through the 21st Century Community Learning Center.

The Austin ISD currently utilizes the services of the Pip Start Youth Leadership Program for after school programs. Campuses using the program report that students and campus personnel are excited about the program. Program administrators use teamwork projects to expose students to math, science, and character building.

The Pip Start Youth Leadership Program is known for providing services to needy underprivileged students. The students in the Garza neighborhoods are from lower-income families that traditionally do not send their sons and daughters to college. The Pip Program would provide a link to post secondary education for many students who may think that college is not a choice for them.

I fully support the efforts of Gonzalo Garza Independence High School in its efforts to receive the grant.

Respectfully,

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