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Dear Grant Committee,

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for the grant awarded to Stephen Kozan and his inspiring *Student Author Movement* program. As Assistant Principal at Tri-Community Elementary, I have witnessed firsthand the positive impact *Student Author Movement* has had on our students who attend a Title I school.

The program's mission to provide young authors with the opportunity to become published is both powerful and necessary. This initiative not only nurtures writing skills but also gives a voice to students who historically face barriers to creative expression. Since the grant began, *Student Author Movement* has engaged a diverse group of our students in the critical initial drafting stage of writing. We were proud to see four of our students selected as finalists, an achievement that has sparked enthusiasm and pride throughout our school community.

This program has successfully ignited a passion for writing in a demographic where such interest has traditionally been challenging to foster. The benefits go beyond literacy; it empowers our students with confidence, creativity, and a tangible goal that motivates their academic growth.

I wholeheartedly recommend the continuation of this grant to support Stephen Kozan and *Student Author Movement* in expanding their reach and deepening their impact. The difference this program is making is clear, and sustained support will ensure that more young voices are heard and celebrated.

Thank you for your consideration and generosity in supporting our young authors.

Warm regards,
Tara Trahan
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