Matthew Guldin was our lead for launching restorative practices in four schools in Brooklyn and the Bronx. The objective of this project was to reduce suspensions in the public schools primarily by providing professional development to school staff in the use of restorative practices and restorative justice as an alternative to suspensions. For the life of the grant, Matthew provided hands-on guidance and support. He was always available and eager to assist us with managing obstacles to ensure success of the initiative. He is also an excellent thought partner with both a strong sense of policy and how it impacts the work on the ground.

Matthew is passionate about creating equitable access to education for all students. We have learned tools and techniques from Matthew for advancing this cause as an organization. Our staff enjoyed working with Matthew and were inspired by his leadership.

Best,

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