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As a faculy member at a higher education institution, and a mother of college students, I know how critical it is to offer Strong Start programs to ensure student success, retention, and ultimatley increase graduation rates. I know many students who have particiapated in Strong Start programs and they became more rooted in their institution, made friends quicker, and are now mentors to other students. These programs directly support student success in college.