Future Forward is a pilot program serving 25 Spanish-speaking 5th and 6th grade heritage speakers students in Alexandria City Public Schools. This school year we are proud to announce that all the students met or exceeded their weekly and annual goals. By working together with the Alexandria City Public Schools, we are helping our students be a voice for themselves and empower them to make meaningful contributions to the community.

Our three main programs have been Advocacy & Student Empowerment, Interpretation/Translation/Transportation, and Tutoring. They are designed to help students navigate the educational system.

Advocates & Student Empowerment
Future Forward strives to increase parent and self-advocacy skills with the school system until they are able to act on their own behalf for their children’s education. Future Forward Advocates conduct frequent home visits, helping families navigate the school system, and providing families with community resources and help families understand their individual rights to access educational, health, and social services.

Interpretation/Translation/Transportation
Future Forward Advocates and our students are able to add educational benefits to our students through our program. Our interpreters provide translation services for doctors’ appointments, and our advocates assist students in understanding educational goals.

Tutoring
Future Forward supports student learning and expands educational opportunities in and out of school by offering home and school-based tutoring. Advocates collaborate with students from James Madison University to offer an in-home tutoring program. All volunteers undergo a background check, and all tutors have a four-year degree. They have high-level empathy, kind demeanor, and are committed to their roles, and they support their students throughout their education.

Summer Enrichment
Future Forward facilitates a week-long STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics) camp to prevent summer learning loss and keep students engaged throughout the summer.

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