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Dear Volunteer of Israel Connect,

As we set out to close our 2017/2018 school year, I am tuning to you, a dedicated volunteer of Israel Connect to acknowledge and thank you for your commitment to our students in Israel. I fundamentally believe that the future of any nation strongly depends on the strength of its education system. This has turned teaching into a passion for me, to ensure that every student is given access to be part of our future and story.

With the introduction of technology, we find ourselves in a very exciting time. Our society is moving and changing at such a rapid pace. As educators, we must realize our duty to ensure that the students, whom have been entrusted into our care, are relevant and competitive in tomorrow's world. Yet they need the skills of English, both receptive (reading and listening) and productive skills (writing and speaking). Your contribution as volunteers is vital in providing support necessary for the enhancement of all 4 skills in English which is a foreign language to the majority of the students.

I would like to thank you for the giving of your time and of yourself to help educate future generations, but even more importantly, thank you for being brave enough to pioneer a model that will lead education into the next century. Thank you for helping Israeli students learn English in a meaningful way.

With all my respect,

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