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I am a student of New Directions Learning Academy.

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My name is Rebecca Grader. I am 35 years old. I left high school at the age of 18, second semester of my senior year, a mistake I have lived with for the last 17 years. I was excited to find New Directions, because getting my high school diploma is very important to me. I thought about getting my GED, but having an actual high school diploma is something that means more than just a piece of paper to me. It means possibilities for a better job, possibilities for more schooling, but most importantly it would give me pride, and a feeling of accomplishment. Currently I am a senior at NDLA, and only have one class left to finish before graduating.

This program is very important to me because I am a single mother, and work full time, most weeks I work around 70 hours. It is nearly impossible for me to find time for anything. Being able to complete my classes from home, and on my own time has been a life saver for me, because right now, I would not be able to attend classes or have specific times that I would need to be online to complete classes due to my long work hours. I am working towards my high school diploma so that I can get a better job that I wouldn't have to work so many hours at, and would have more time to spend with my son.

I think NDLA and other programs like it are very important to have available. I think its important to be able to work towards your diploma, on the time you have available to better yourself. I think everyone deserves a chance at a better life, and I do believe that programs like this do give you a chance to better yourself.

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