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When I was in elementary school I was able to attend school during the summer months. Having this first hand experience and understanding afterward (and undoubtedly hearing the same from my mom) how pivotal this program was in continuing the practice of being in a educational space and mindset, makes be wholeheartedly believe that all students should have the same opportunity. Now working at Seeds of Peace, I can see the benefit on the other side of educational spaces over the summer months. Engagement is necessary for students to continue on the path to graduate. Being able to meet students where they are so that we can provide the best education we can, means being able to provide programs outside of a regular school hours. I feel the weight of the importance of this. And my wish for all students, no matter the circumstances, is to have the same opportunity through summer school and credit recovery programming to finish their education.