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Mr. George Albano, Principal  
Lincoln Elementary School  
170 East Lincoln Avenue  
Mount Vernon, New York 10552

Dear Mr. Albano:

On behalf of our College of Education and Health Sciences, Bradley University, and the Peoria regional community, I wish to thank you for your dynamic presentation at our Peoria NEXT Discovery Forum on April 29, 2005. With the theme of the Discovery Forum, "The Celebration of the Art and Science of Life", your presentation focused on all areas and brought participants to their feet in a standing ovation, which was the only standing ovation that day. Your passion for the profession of education and for young people hit a cord with the thousand participants who were scientists, engineers, artists, educators, and many community leaders from a variety of fields.

One of the nursing students in our College wrote on her evaluation "There is nothing I could say that does justice for the inspiration that I felt upon leaving the forum today. For one, I now want to move to Mt. Vernon, NY when I have kids and send them to Lincoln Elementary school because of the stimulating talk by Principal Albano..." The overall Discovery Forum evaluations also indicated an exceptionally high rating for your presentation.

My staff and the Peoria public school staff enjoyed dinner that evening with you, Lorraine, and Mary Anderson. As you suggested during one of our conversations, I am hopeful that we will still be able to keep in contact and perhaps develop some type of long distance relationship that might benefit our students and faculty.

Yours in education,



Joan L. Sattler  
Professor of Education and Dean

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Janet Lange