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Dear George,

On behalf of my teachers and administrators, I would like to personally thank you for the wonderful opportunity you graciously afforded us to visit your amazing school. The work that your staff and students do on a daily basis are all testament to the fact that all children can meet high expectations given excellent instruction and a strong, supportive learning environment. Your vision of Lincoln Elementary School is evident in the faces of the children, in the student work displayed throughout the school, and in the passion and energy generated from you and your staff. Your school exemplifies what my thirty-five years of experience has taught me. For me, it was professionally renewing to have such rich conversations about teaching and learning with you.

Years ago, our school district was a beacon for other educators as we developed a strong culture based on research-based instruction and practices that resulted in strong student achievement. With a significant turnover in staff in recent years and stagnating student results, I find us engaged in a rebuilding, retraining phase. Like you, I have tremendous passion to lead Johnson City to a high level of performance on all measures for all our students.

I have enclosed two small tokens of our appreciation for your time and hospitality. We hope you will feel some kindred spirit in representing us in Mount Vernon as an honorary Wildcat. In addition, I have enclosed a recent book by one of our former Superintendents who eloquently tells the story of Johnson City School District when we were on the "cutting edge" of education and I was a young, enthusiastic high school social studies teacher. For me, it is a walk down memory lane to read through these pages. For you, I hope it helps you understand why I continue to feel as passionately as I do about this District that I love.

By the way, Dan and Tracy (the two administrators) would love the opportunity to visit again with the only purpose of being present for the day and observing. If you would consider this, please let me know.

Warmly,

Mary Kay Frys
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