

338 Greene Road
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Mr. George Albano, Principal
Lincoln Elementary School
Mount Vernon, NY

Dear Mr. Albano,

I have just seen the piece on public television about the way you have realized the dream of educators and parents and children alike. BRAVO.

I have a strong connection with you, for many reasons. My mother graduated from Mt. Vernon High School in 1923; I was born at Mt. Vernon Hospital in 1941; my dad worked for 40 years for CS McClellan realtor on First Street; I grew up and was educated in Pelham; I am a high school French and history teacher.

That being said, I obviously have an emotional connection with what you are doing. And I am envious of the faculty which works under/with you. Your enthusiasm, commitment, vision, energy, intellect, perception, openness, basically your humanity--yes, I wish you could be cloned.

I have never in my life written such a letter. Ever. But I just had to thank you for what you are doing for all your children. There is no question, from my experience with five different principals, but that it is you and you alone who sets the tone and the expectations.

I wish you and your coworkers and co-learners a bright future and continued success. Thank you for the gift you have given to education.

Sincerely yours,



Virginia F. Pusey