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Dear George:

I cannot thank you enough for the moving speech you delivered at our Hommocks Middle School faculty meeting on November 17. As an experienced principal, you know that holding the attention of teachers after a long day of work is replete with risks. Despite these difficult circumstances, you managed to inspire our faculty with your profound message.

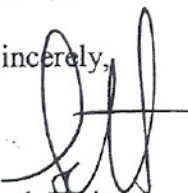
You demonstrated that "all children can learn" is more than a pleasant-sounding adage. The phrase has real meaning at Lincoln Elementary School, where all children have achieved academic success in a nurturing environment. You and your staff have shown the extraordinary power of dedicated and creative leadership, high expectations, and no excuses.

I mentioned after your presentation that I sometimes hear teachers accept the minority achievement gap as an inevitable fact of life. After your talk, it will be harder for those individuals to maintain this point of view. If you are able to reach these heights despite the obstacles you face in Mount Vernon, I am certain our teachers will feel they can accomplish the same in Larchmont and Mamaroneck.

I know Maria quite well, and I have enjoyed the pleasure of meeting Carl on several occasions. While I listened to you speak, I realized that the proverbial apple did not fall far from the tree.

Again, I am grateful for the wonderful message you conveyed. Best wishes to you and your family.

Sincerely,



Seth Weitzman