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Dear Sir:

Please convey to all the schools in the Mobile County Public School District our thanks for your generous contribution of books to the Concord High School Media Center. This donation in honor of teacher - astronaut Mrs. Christa McAuliffe, is a handsome addition to our collection, and the materials will be most useful to students and teachers looking for resources in many different subject areas.

The public response to the shuttle tragedy, and especially to the loss of Mrs. McAuliffe, has been overwhelming. We have shared our grief with a grieving world, and this outpouring of affection and concern has been helpful in healing the wounds we all suffered.

So, while I am slow in sending our thanks to all of you, your generosity is much appreciated, and is most appropriate to the giving and loving memory of the person you wish to honor.

Thank you again,

Sincerely,

Joan P. McNamara
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for students and staff

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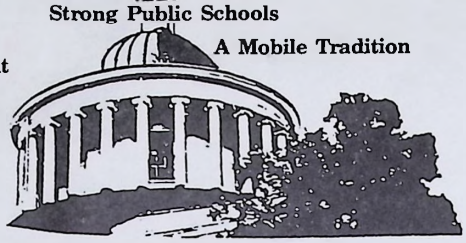

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February 26, 1986

Mr. Charles Foley
Concord High School
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Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Dear Mr. Foley:

We forward this communication to extend to you our sincere concern regarding the tragic news in relationship to the explosion of the space shuttle Challenger on January 28, 1986. Our hearts were saddened as were the hearts of the entire nation at this unfortunate mishap that took the lives of the seven astronauts. So much knowledge can be gained from the space program and as educators we were particularly proud that a teacher was among the astronauts.

The Mobile County Public School System held a memorial service especially to honor Mrs. Christa McAuliffe and the other six astronauts on Monday, February 3, 1986. Our service began with a moment of silence by the approximately 68,000 students and 6,500 employees at the opening of the school day on February 3. During the afternoon a service was held at which time each local school principal donated a book or books for the library at Concord High School. The books are inscribed either by the principal or the student council president on behalf of the school.

As the Superintendent of the Mobile County Public School System this was the most moving time that I can remember, with each and every individual deeply saddened by this tragic situation. The Mobile County Board of School Commissioners, the Superintendent, administration, teachers and students send these books (under separate cover) to your library for use by your students in honor of a very brave and courageous lady, Mrs. Christa McAuliffe.

May we always be able to find the words to reflect our deep convictions at a time when things seem to be beyond our control.

The prayers that were sent at the closing of the ceremony clearly emphasized the truly religious concern for the seven astronauts and their families. Our best wishes to your school and to your student body.

Very truly yours,

Judy A. McCain

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