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30th January, 1986

Dear Principal,

It was with a feeling of great shock and horror that we learned at tea time on Tuesday of the loss of the Shuttle.

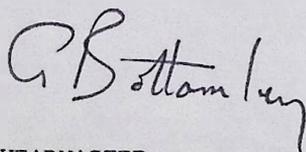
During our morning assembly yesterday I asked our children what they felt and what we ought to do. Their reaction was one of great sorrow at the disaster and the loss of life, especially the loss of Mrs. McAuliffe. Their interest in the mission had been heightened because a teacher was one of the crew and they were looking forward to seeing reports of her work on board Challenger.

They suggested to me that we should pray for all the families of the crew and for all the children and staff of your school. This we did immediately asking for God's comfort and blessing at this time when it may be difficult to see any purpose in the events. They then asked me to write to you to pass on our concern for you at this time and to let you know that you are not alone in your grief.

We admire the bravery shown by Mrs. McAuliffe and feel proud that the first civilian to travel on such a mission was a colleague in education. We are sure that in times to come her example will spur many children towards new frontiers of exploration and discovery.

May God bless you at this difficult time.

Yours sincerely,



HEADMASTER

The Principal,
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