answered 3/7/86 Thursday

Dear Mr. Foley,

I am enclosing letters to the students of Concord High School. These have been written by my students in the Social Studies department of Buckeye Union High School in Buckeye, Arizona. Although the writing skills of some of the students are poor, I think they have expressed their grief eloquently. We are all deeply touched by the tragedy of Mrs. McAuliffe's death.

Perhaps the students at CHS would like to give these letters to the McAuliffe children at some future time. Surely as they grow older they will need to know that a nation mourned the death of their mother.

Sincerely,
Ruth K. Wiles

30 January 1986

1-29-86

Dear Students of Concord High School,

I know that losing someone special is one of the hardest things in the world. I know that Christa McAuliffe was a very special person to your school, community, and to our nation. She was special. All seven of the crew were special. We should not remember them with sorrow and tears. Remember the hope and happiness they brought us. Remember their courage and goals. Remember them for what they did for our nation, ourselves. We were very lucky to have known these people and I know they have no regrets. They were important to our history and even more to our future. I hope the pain you feel and all Americans feel will soon subside, and be replaced by good memories of these special seven people.

With all my prayers and sorrows,

Jeff Davis

1510 Orange St.
Buckeye, AZ 85326

Dear Students of
Concord High School:

1-29-86

My name is Kathy McKinney and a student of Buckeye Union High of Buckeye, Arizona.
Yesterday, I was home watching with all of you, I was as joyous as if it had been one of our teachers when when the fireball appeared I could only cry. I know this letter will not bring her back neither will all the prayers but I would like you to know though I had never met Mrs. McAuliffe, I thought she was a very special person. Your have lost a close friend a dear teacher and a brave mariner. We at Buckeye feel this loss with you.
Arizona and New Hampshire are a great deal apart but

now the miles seem gone.

Love,
Kathy McKenney
Buckeye Union
High Jr.

January 29, 1986

Dear Students of Concord High School,

I am writing you this letter to say that I am grieving with you. I did not know her but I feel a loss also. I seen her on many shows and she was so happy & exciting you couldn't help but like her.

It has been a real tragedy that has happened and I wonder why it had to happen when she was on their. Mrs. McAuliffe must have been a real special teacher and I know you will always remember her in your heart as I do. God bless her and the other 6 crew members.

Sincerely yours,

Shandra Simmons

Buckeye Union High School

Jan. 29, 1985

Dear students,

My name is Cindy Pehl. It is terrible that you have lost a good teacher. And I feel much grief for her, and the students.

I hope everything works out for the best. Our school Buckeye Union H. S. has much sorrow for the people on the Space Shuttle.

With all my deepest sympathy and my support.

Your Friend,

Cindy Pehl

1/29/86

Students of Concord:

I want to express my deepest sympathy to those of you who must deal with this loss. It is something that is very hard to understand. But I know that prayers for you extend not only throughout our country, but throught many parts of the world as well.

Again, I am very sorry for you.

Alicia Santos

1-29-86

Students of Concord High School,

I am deeply greived at the death of oneof your teachers. It is a tradgedy and a loss to the school and your community. From what I have heard Mrs. Mc Auliffe was a fine and respected teacher. Along with that thought she was probably a good person and friend to many of you.

I myself have known what it is to lose a friend but, life must go on as they say.

Deepest sorrows,

Shane Lampkin

1-29-86

Dear Students,

My name is Kym Starkes and I attend Buckeye Union High School. Indeed, we are all shocked by the terrible thing that has happened. I'm sure everyone everywhere sympathizes. I myself am deeply sorry.

Yours Truly,

Kym Starkes

1-29-86

Dear Students of Concord High,

I speak for the whole country when I say what a tragic loss we suffered that day. I know that Mrs. McAuliffe was very proud to represent all teachers. I know she felt it was important for education to teach what she would have learned in space. I know you respected her and are going to miss her very much. I think Mrs. McAuliffe will become an example, a martyr, of the highier standards and importance of education.

1-29-86

Concord H.S.,

When I heard about the shuttle yesterday, I was so shocked and depressed. I kept thinking about all the people it affected and that if I felt this bad, the people who knew her must feel terrible. Later, I saw some of your students on television and realized I was right. Even though I didn't know Mrs. McAuliffe, I sympathize with you greatly because she was a national hero and I realize how much it would hurt to lose such a person.

Sincerely,
Wendy Brannan
Buckeye Union H.S.

january 29, 1986

Students, staff and faculty,

I was deeply moved when I heard about the challenger. I was sick to my stomach whenever ~~My~~ librarian told me that the challenger had exploded. I am sorry to hear that one of your best and loveable teachers was on board this mission. I know how you are feeling. I have lost 5 very important people just like Christa McAuliffe. They died of natural causes except one, a janitor at my high school She was a very sweet person and was loved by many. She was ran over by a drunk driver. Its hard for me to write this letter because of the sad feeling that has been making me sick ever since the accident. I hope that Christa's family know that I will pray for them and you. I also am very sorry for this accident. I feel as if Parts of me are gone because of the deaths that have occurred. I wish to say that I hope you too can feel better soon.

Sincerely,
Jackie Hanna

Dear Students of Concord High,

I'm sorry about what happened and my simpathy lies with all of you who knew her well. It must be a great loss. She must have been a wonderful person or they wouldn't have picked her to go along.

Sincerely,

Elby Dwyer

Dear Concord High,

My Name is Gloria Perez I'm from Buckeye Union High School. I'm so deeply sorry for what had happen to teachen MRS. Auliffe. I ~~feel~~ the sorrow that all of you guy's have for the lost of one special person I know that I don't know her, but from what I've heard about her she was a very kind women, and I know that if I would have ever got the chance to meet her I would have been one prod student.
Just one more thing I have to say is that she'll always will be in your memory's.

love
Gloria Perez

P.S. if you would like to write me back. please write at this mailing address

Gloria Perez
Star Rt. 806
Buckeye AZ. 85326

I am a student from Buckeye union High school. I feel bad about what happend to the NASA space shuttle, and what happend to all the people that were in it. I heard about it in my second hour class. We had a moment of silence, Doring that time I prayed and I said, "Jod help christa McAuliffe's family and her students through the tragic time."

I hope you all remamber her as the woundecful person and teacher. not as the teacher that died.

yourfriend,
Chris Jones

To the students and teachers of Concord. H.S.:

I'm living in the state of Arizona, and here all the people is really, very sorry about what happened yesterday about Mrs McAuliffe and her friends from NASA.

It's very sad to see how our friends, parents etc.. die; but you know that they went to a better life...

That didn't mean that each of (crossed) the times we are going to have a disaster, when some people will go to the space; so, anybody should be worrier about going there. We just need time and preperation for it.

I'm sorry but I don't know what to say; It's too sad to explain what we (Az, etc..) feel with words. I just want to say that you -all- here have a good friend. And all Arizona!- With all the love that my heart can give:

Sonia Fdez.

This letter is from an exchange student from Spain.

Dear students at Concord High School

I am a student in the 11 grade, + I go to Buckeye union High School. I would like to say that im very sorry for what has just happened. im in sorrow with you guys, and was very shocked. I really dont know what else to say, because I havent ever experienced something like this before. But I would like you to write me back at my home address.

Michelle Van Ells
19402 W. Melvin St,
Buckeye, AZ.
85326.

Sincerely,
Michelle

Dear Students of Concord,

My name is Adelita Keith and I'm a student at Buckeye Union High School in Arizona.

I am writing to tell you that I know you're sad about the incident that occurred this past Tuesday and I also share this feeling.

I'll be praying for your school and for Mrs. McAuliffe's family.

Sincerely,

Adelita Keith
321 S. 5th St.
Buckeye, Az.
85326

Dear Students of Concord,

My name is Kathy Killman, I'm from Buckeye Arizona, I'm a high student at Buckeye Union High School.

I'm very sorry to hear about the loss of your teacher Mrs. McAuliffe

All of us here in Buckeye share your sympathy.

Sincerely,
Kathy Killman

Dear Concord Students

I am a student at Buckeye High School. I'm really sorry for what happened. I'm sure they were all willing to take the chance that something might happen. It is all apart of life. I grieve for you. God bless you.

Sincerely,
Kelly King

Dear Students:

I am a Student of Buckeye Union High School in Buckeye Arizona. My name is Susan Pratt.

I am writing to let you know that I feel and share your grief at the loss of Mrs. McAuliffe.

I sympathize with you but I know she has not died in vain.

Yours truly,
Susan Pratt

Dear Students of Concord High:

I'm a student from Buckeye Union High School. I would like to send my prayers, and tears for the lost of such a fine women.

Keep on with your lives and shall always be remembered

Sincerly yours,

Student of BUHS.

Dear Students:

My name is Wendy and I am from Buckeye Union High School in Buckeye, Arizona. I want you all to know I care very much for what happened to your teacher Mrs. Christa McAuliffe. All of us here in Buckeye want to tell you that we all care and that we grieve with you. I know it was a very shocking accident. I hope you all will get over the sorrow and pain. I ask one thing, try to keep Mrs. McAuliffe in your mind and heart and just remember her the way she was. She seemed like she was a very special teacher.

Dear students of Concord H.S.,

It is with great sympathy that I write this letter to you. I would just like to say you should be honored with the fact that you knew Miss McAuliff. She was a very brave, and sensitive women. She was a great inspiration to the whole nation. I cannot say how sorry I am about this tragic event. My sympathy is with you all.

Mary Roberts

student. Buckeye H.S.

Buckeye Az.

Dear Students of Concord High,

Hello, my name is Dixie Harramore. I would like to express to you that I am very sorry about the loss of your teacher. We all know you must have been extremely proud of her, I think everyone was. I am a student from Buckeye High School and when we heard the announcement of the Shuttle Exploiding we were all very sad and shocked. I send for all your Students my deepest Sympothy. We will pray for her, because she was a woman with a lot of courage & because of her we will go on and learn more about Space and some day she'll be remembered as one who helped us to discover!

Sincerely,
Dixie Harramore

Students of Concord High.

I'm writing you this letter because I am very sorry for what has happened. I may not have known your teacher but I know what it would feel like if our school would have lost one of our teachers and it could have happened because two of our teachers from Buckeye High had sent in to be one of the teachers chosen.

All of you at Concord High have my deepest sympathy and I pray for all of you.

Truly, Sorry
Tracy Bechtel
Buckeye Junior High School

Dear Students of Concord High,

My name is Julie Bigby & I am a student at Buckeye Union High School.

I just wanted to let you know that I am grieving with you & that I am very sorry over the loss of your teacher.

Sincerely,
Julie Bigby

Dear, Students of Concord H.S.

I have heard of your great lose of Mrs. McAuliffe. I send you my best of sorrow. I hope that you can soon recover from your sad feelings. Please beleive me when I say that I also am very sad this has happened. I know it's not easy to know that you have lost such a brave and wonderful teacher. So I give you my best

from Rosanna Fraker
B.U.H.S.

Dear Students of Concord,

Um writting from Buckeye Union High School in Arizona. We feel very ~~se~~ shocked and concerned with what happen, and hope to share your grief, and give you are greatest sympathy. We are de-cussing this alot at are schod in the classrooms and desided on our own to write a letter of sympathy for not only your loss of a teacher, but ours as could of been an great

accomplish for all of Americans.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Smith
110 Eason Ave
Buckeye, Az.
85326

602-386-3157

Dear Students of Concord High School,

My name is Thad McCloud. I go to Buckeye Union High School here in Buckeye, Arizona.

I would like to give my condolences to the terrible tragedy that Miss McAuliffe was in. I am sure she was a good person to know.

This is a terrible tragedy that is felt all over the country but I'm sure it's worse for you.

Thad McCloud

Dear Students of Concord High School:

I'm sorry to hear about the loss of your teacher. Two of our teachers here at Buckeye High School applied for this space flight. I don't know how I'd feel if it was a teachers from Buckeye High School.

I feel a great loss as well as you. When a great American is lost through a tragic event such as this, pain is felt in the hearts of all Americans.

I'm sorry that this has happened. I was looking forward to hearing some of her teachings about space. I wish the mission would not have ended in this tragic way.

All I can say in closing this letter is you have my deepest sympathy.

Sincerly yours,
Alice Latham
Buckeye Union High School

Students of Concord H.S.:

I am writing to give my deepest sympathies to those who may be suffering in this time of grief and mourning.

When the Principle at our school came over the intercom and told the school body what had happened there was a deathly silence amongst the students.

Once again I am sorry for what happened to your beloved Teacher and the U.S. shares its great sympathy with you.

With great sympathy

Kevin Johnson
BUCKEYE HIGH SCHOOL

Students of Concord High School. We have just heard of the disaster of Mrs. McAuliffe. I am writing to give you some of my deepest sympathies in this tragedy. As the principal told the student body what happened, their was a sudden silence. I just thought I would say I am sorry for the beloved teacher and we share are sympathies with you.

David
Jackey

Dear students of Concord N.D.

My name is Jenny Eades; I'm from Buckeye Union High School in Buckeye, AZ. I just want you to know that I extend my deepest sympathies to all of you for the tragic loss of your teacher, Mrs. McNuliffe. I think it is a very heroic thing that she did; she'll always be remembered for it. I think that we can all at least thank God that none of the crew members suffered. It's kind of hard to know the right thing to say in a situation like this, so I'll just say that I'm really sorry that it had to happen to her. She seemed like a really nice person.

Sincerely,
Jenny
Eades

Dear Students of Concord High School,

I'd like to offer my deepest sympathy for the loss of M. McLaughlin. She apparently was a very courageous woman. You must all be very proud of her.

Sincerely,

Susie Kamler

To the Student Body of Concord H.S.,

I am a girl, 11th grade, from Buckeye H.S. in Arizona. I guess you could say that I share your loss of Christa McAuliffe. I have recently lost someone very close to me.

I keep, verymuch, in time with our space shuttle program. I think that we have a great space program, and that it should go on.

You may be thinking that I am crazy for thinking that, but I'm not. When I first heard the news, I was in shock. After I went home, I watched the t.v. for awhile, and started to cry. From 4:00, our time, till 11:00 p.m., I watched every special there was, about the accident. As I watched, I thought to myself, "Oh my God! This is so unbelievable. Things like this, aren't supposed to happen." But, they do.

Now it's time to pick the pieces up. I have my own column in our school newspaper, and that's what I stressed in my special report. It's over. I'm not going to say, that there's nothing we can do now, because there is. We can find out what happened, and pray that it will NEVER happen again.

The crew members are gone, but, not really. Their bravery, values, and faces, are imprisoned in our hearts, our minds, and our spirits, forever. BE PROUD!! And please, try to remember, they are now with God.

If any of you, need to really talk with someone, I am always eager to receive letters. Here is my address:

Patty McKay
128 4th Ave. West
Buckeye, Az. 85326

You may feel a little reluctant in writing to me, but I am considered the Dr. Joyce Brothers of Buckeye. Well that's all for now. God Bless you all!!!

Love,
Patty McKay

Dear Concord High School:

I was as shocked as you were when we all heard the terrible news, but you still feel sorrow and pain in your heart because not only lost a teacher but someone you loved. We have all lost someone, but never have we lost anyone like we did the other day. I just wanted to say I'm really sorry, I'm sure she was a wonderful lady and a very loved one. When they went up no one knew what was going to happen, who would knew that, that terrible thing was going to happen. Well I'm real sorry. It's just to let you know that there's people who care.

God Bless you all

Yours very truly

Alma Acosta

Students of Concord High School,

I am a student at Buckeye Union High School. When I heard the news yesterday, I also felt a great loss. Although I never knew Mrs. McAuliffe, she touched us all by even wanting to learn about the space program in order to teach younger generations. Although I feel a loss, I'm sure yours is much greater. I do sympathize with you for I have been through it myself.

Sincerely
Dawn A. Zuk

To the students of Concord High School. involving the tragic accident of your teacher & your friend you have my sympathy. May you make it through the day with pride & honor to & know & Day that was my teacher or my friend. She went with pride & honor for country trying to acomplish something for her country her friends her family & yes her students.

May God be with you

Billy Beasle
Buckey Union H.S
Buckeye Az.

Students of Concord High:

My name is Kathy and I'm a Student at Buckeye Union High School in Buckeye Arizona.

My Junior American History class has been discussing the tragic accident of the Challenger and the terrible death of your teacher.

At this time I would like to tell you that our school grieves with you and feels sorrow for the loss you all share. From what I have read Krista McAuliffe was a fine women and teacher and I share the sorrow with you.

Sincerely,

Kathy Burkes

Dear Students of Concord H. S.

I'm sorry for the death of your teacher Mrs. McAuliffe. As we were in class we had an announcement which said, "Today the first teacher went to Space, 1 min and 12 seconds late it exploded". We all had a moment of silence. It was the biggest tragedy of the year and we are very sorry.

Pete

Otis

Dear Students of Concord High School.
I am a student at Buckeye Union High School in Arizona. I felt an emptyness at the bottom of my heart when I saw the Space Shuttle blow up. Knowing that all seven people on board were dead. The most tragic death was your teacher Mrs. McAuliffe. She was not only important to you but to all of us in the nation. I was really looking forward to see her give her lessen in space. It would have been a triumph for all of us and especially for you. Because you knew her so well. I wish I knew her as well. I guess if I knew her any better I would have felt a lot worse then I did. I just want to say to you all that I share the pain you are going through right now and will always be at your side.

your Arizona friend
Jose Gonzales

Dear students of Concord H. S.,

I am very sorry for the lost of your teacher Mrs, McAuliffe. I don't know her, but she was very speciat to all of you. She knew that something could have gone wrong, but she knew what she was doing & being very brave about it.

I just want to say don't feel sorry just remember the things that she had taught you, not in a sad way, but in a good way. She's with the Lord now & feels no pain. She's not dead & will never be again. She'll be there in your hearts as long as you remember her.

So be proud of what she had tried to achieve and just Pray that it won't happen to anyone else.

Good Luck next year.

God Bless

Beverly 11th Grade

Dear Student Body of Concord High,

I am very sad for the loss of Mrs. McAuliffe. From what I've heard about her, she was a well loved person at your High School. It is very sad that someones mistake cost someone else there life. In this instance we may never find out whose mistake it was.

Sincerely yours,
Sam Robinson
Buckeye Union High School
Buckeye, Arizona.

Dear Concord High School

I am very sorry to hear about the loss of your teacher Mrs. McAuliffe From what I knew about her, she sounded like a very nice ~~boy~~ lady. I am sure that people all over the nation fills the loss of Mrs. McAuliffe. and the other six astronauts.

My name is Mike Lofton and I am a High School student at Buckeye Union High School in Buckeye, Arizona. Once again I am sorry about what happened to Mrs. McAuliffe

Mike
Lofton

Concord Student Body:

On behalf of myself and my fellow class members, we are terribly sorry to hear about the great loss of Mrs. McAuliffe. We express great sympathy for her.

As myself have heard, Mrs. McAuliffe was a wonderful teacher there. My American History teacher has told me a lot of wonderful things she used to do. We would like to say that we shall pray for Mrs. McAuliffe for being brave and trying to show us how life on the moon would be or to whatever extension she and the others were going to visit. We'd like to say one other thing that we will always remember Mrs. McAuliffe deep in our hearts.

With deep Sympathy

Arnold Gomez

Dear Students of Concord High

I am writing to say how very sorry I am about the loss of Mrs McAuliffe. She sounds like a really great and much loved person, And what she was doing by going up in the air craft was very courageous. Even though I didn't know any of the crew members I am very sad and fel for all of their friends and families for such a tragic loss. Always keep the good memories with you.

Sincerely
Lisa Wentz
Student of Buckeye
Union Highschool
of Az.

Student Body of Concord H.S.

I was sorry to hear about the tragic accident of your teacher Mrs. McAuliffe. You students were lucky to of had such an outstanding teacher. Even though feelings of such a matter has no words, I send prayers to the students who were very close to her and knew her very well. May God bless you all!

Yours Very Truly,
Paula Hernandez

To the Student Body of Concord High School:

I am a girl and a Junior at Buckeye Union High School in Auzora.

I was very shocked to here of what happened. Especially because of it being the first teacher in space and having this tragedy occur.

We here at B.U.H.S. share in your loss of Mrs. McAuliffe. We know she must of been a great teacher who you loved very much. I know what it feels like to loose someone you care for very much. We all face this at one time or another in our lives. From everything we've read in newspapers Mrs. McAuliffe was very excited about going.

Remember that we here also will remember Mrs. McAuliffe.

Yours Truly,

Ilene Martinez

Concord High School students:

I am sure you, the students of Concord High School, must have been proud when you had found out that one of your teachers, Mrs. Christa McAuliffe, was selected to be the first passenger on a space flight. She, along with more than 11,000 teachers, applied for this great experience. When Mrs. McAuliffe was selected, students across the United States were envious, including me, because your teacher, not one of ours, was chosen. Of course, we were also proud.

Everyone in the United States, and the world, were waiting with anticipation for the shuttle flight of the Challenger to begin. This flight would be special because of the seventh person in the Challenger would be a passenger. A thrill of excitement went through each person when they saw the Challenger take off. Then, within an instant, it was over. Somehow something went wrong, an explosion. The Challenger had gone up in flames and was destroyed.

When our principal announced what had happened, everything in our entire school had stopped. No one was

even breathing. I deeply feel for you and everyone who knew Mrs. McAuliffe. It is a great loss, but you should be proud to know that it was your teacher, your friend, who was selected for this first. Even though, I am sorry to say, it ended tragically, you should realize that Mrs. McAuliffe wanted to do this and, I am sure, was proud to be the chosen one.

Regretfully yours,
Helen Welch

Helen Welch
Buckeye Union High School student
Junior

Dear, Students of Concord High.

My Name is Audra Mettler and I am a student at Buckeye High School. I think your teacher was very brave to do what she did - we will always remember her. Hope you feel better!

Love Your Friend

Audra.