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Mr. Charles Foley, Principal
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Dear Mr. Foley:

The Creighton Elementary School District Governing Board, its administration, teachers and students, wish to express our deepest sympathy to you and your school on the loss of your teacher, Mrs. Christa McAuliffe.

The tragic explosion of the Space Shuttle on Tuesday reached right into our campus, as we are sure it did many others across the nation. We would not suggest that the loss of life was more devastating because there was a teacher on board, but because Christa was representative of all that is good about education, we identified with her death more personally. We feel that it was significant that the first civilian chosen to go into space was a teacher. Surely, no one demonstrates more faith in the future than those who choose to teach our youth. Christa's enthusiasm and commitment to "demystify space" was representative of what all good teachers strive to do for their students; to open doors to the unknown and inspire their students to go through "with courage." We know she will be greatly missed at Concord High School, but we trust her hope for, and faith in, the future will never be forgotten.

We want to commend you, Mr. Foley, and your staff, for the way you handled a very difficult situation. Your concern for the privacy of the students immediately following the accident showed sensitivity and respect. We know that the after-shock of Christa's death will be felt for a long time. The stunned looks on the faces of your young people will lead to questions and pain that will doubtlessly impact the rest of your school year. Please be assurred of our prayers and concern for you, your staff, and your students in the months ahead.

Sincerely,

Carol A. Fuller

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President, Governing Board

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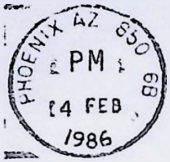



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