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Dear Students, Faculty, Administration, and Staff,

One week ago today America suffered a terrible tradgedy when the Challenger was lost with its very special crew. I didn't have the words then to express my sorrow and I am at a loss now. I find it easy to relate to the school situation. I taught in the public schools for 18 years and loved it. I can only imagine how I would feel as a student to lose an outstanding teacher, as a teacher and lose a very respected colleague, and to lose a friend. I did not know Christa McAuliffe but yet I felt like I did. She represented all educators and students alike. She took a part of me into space and that part is now lost. But, she left a big part of all of us here to carry on her courage and heart. God Bless you all always.

Sincerely

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