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Dear member staffs of Concord High School:

First of all, let us apologize for surprising you with our unexpected letter. We are members of an elementary school located in Yokkaichi Mie prefecture in Japan.

We sincerely offer our condolence to you on losing one of your excellent teachers, Mrs. Christa MacAuliff because of the sorrowful space shuttle accident.

The shock and grief of the students who were looking forward to having classed from space by Mrs. MacAuliff hit us in the Japanese educational field immediately. Regret of Mrs. MacAuliff and grief of you all are beyond our imagination. We really sympathize with you.

The words, "Reach for the stars" which Mrs. MacAuliff liked so much, also impressed us deeply and strongly.

In our school, we will commemorate 100 years of establishment, building a monument, and we have been looking for the suitable words to be engraved on it. Our school was established in 1875, and now is bringing up children who will live toward the 21st century. We believe that it must be essential for them to carry the concept of space to live in the future society.

We, therefore have come to the conclusion to choose those words which Mrs. MacAuliff had left to be engraved as a precious and encouraging guideline to the children. At this stage, a wonderful idea was proposed by Mr. Kunihiko Tomiyama, a member in charge of the establishment preparation committee. It was that the monument

would be more impressive if the autograph of Mrs. MacAuliff be shown together. We all wish to realize this idea for her everlasting memory. We would be grateful if you kindly could send the photocopy of the autograph of Mrs. MacAuliff. We would like to engrave her autograph after enlargement and other processes are applied. We would greatly appreciate your kind and warm cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

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