



May 1, 2018

Chad Harlander
REACH Program Director
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Dear Mr. Harlander:

I am sorry that my schedule does not permit me to be at your REACH conference this year.

I had the privilege of attending this event in recent years and was so impressed by the work REACH does. You provide students with a positive environment that gives them the courage to share their struggles with others and helps them to know they are not alone. REACH's focus on relationships, education, accountability, character and hard work helps students find academic and interpersonal success and achieve to their full potential.

Your mission of helping students to help themselves and each other through life's challenges is inspiring. I always say that it is the adults who create the conditions in which children succeed. This is especially true of the adults who are a part of REACH. Tireless work is not always easy, but seeing the faces of the children who have been impacted by REACH, the smiles, joy and confidence is priceless. Well done!

And to the students listening to this message. Don't ever think you don't have a special place in this world and that your impact on it is needed for all of us to be our best selves. You are a special piece to the overall puzzle of life's journey we are all on and it is just so much more complete and beautiful with your successful journey added.

Many thanks for your steadfast leadership, Chad and the entire REACH team. You make us Minnesota proud.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Brenda Cassellius'.

Dr. Brenda Cassellius
Commissioner