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Mr. Laurence Scot
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Dear Mr. Scot:

Thank you for being one of nearly 1,000 New York City leaders who participated in the second New York City Principal for a Day. The initiative is an opportunity for people who care about New York City's future to get a first-hand look at our schools -- to appreciate their strengths and to better understand the challenges we face.

When we launched Principal for a Day last year, I asked no commitment of you other than for you to be with us for one day. But hundreds of you contacted me afterward and in the year since, I've learned of many constructive initiatives begun as a result. These range from the building and stocking of a school library, the establishment of mentoring and tutoring programs, to more systemic efforts such as the creation of a strategic plan for school-based budgeting that puts responsibility and authority at the school level and a New York Cares Day devoted to improving the physical conditions in schools and playgrounds.

Perhaps some of the most profound outcomes are the collaborative partnerships many of you formed with school principals: one-on-one, peer-to-peer relationships in which there is an ongoing mutual sharing and airing of issues and perspectives and expertise.

Again, this year, I invite your reaction. Please take a moment to write, phone, or fax me, or return the questionnaire attached. It is enough that you have contributed your time, energy and ideas on May 11. But many of you have said you want to do more. Please let me know how you might be following up with your schools -- your activities and initiatives will inspire others.

If you want to be involved in more systemic initiatives, or have ideas that need the catalyst of my office to get underway, please contact me, and either one of the Principal for a Day volunteers, someone from my office, or I will personally work with you.

Thank you for giving us the most valuable of resources -- your time, your energy, your ideas. We value them, and our schools will be stronger as a result of them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Ramon C. Cortines", is written over a horizontal line.

Ramon C. Cortines, Chancellor

Enclosure