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Dear Friends:

Examples of academic excellence that our students exhibit are the focus of this end of the school year letter. We are proud of our students' academic progress and their achievements. From academic excellence and competitive success to new technology and career training opportunities, students across all schools on the SCSDB campus are thriving in ways that exemplify the school's commitment to engaging, empowering and equipping our students for a successful future.

The School for the Deaf Middle School Math Team showcased their academic prowess by participating in a National Math Competition demonstrating problem solving skills and mathematical thinking that placed them third among top contenders nationwide. This success is a testament to the high expectations and rigorous instruction within the SCSDB mathematics curriculum.

Middle and high school students at the School for the Blind sharpened their detective skills with a fake crime scene activity led by blind scientists from Independence Science. The students immersed themselves in note-taking, problem-solving, fingerprinting, gait analysis and spatial reasoning to unravel the mystery of what happened to the victim in the fake crime scene.

SCSDB's Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs continue to grow, now including hands-on training with a fork lift simulator, semi-truck simulator, robotics, flight simulators and drones. These opportunities prepare students for high-demand careers and encourage exploration in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) fields.

Hopefully, you can see from these few examples that our school is engaging our students intellectually, socially, physically and emotionally. We are empowering them to recognize their strengths and to confidently navigate their future. We have equipped them with the tools they need to pursue their goals. Your support of our school helps us to continue engaging, empowering and equipping our students for a life well-lived once they leave our school. We are most grateful for your support.

With every good wish,

Sincerely yours,

Samuel S. Hook