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Dear Mr. Richard Van Dyke,

The creation of the Maryland National Early Intervention Scholarship and Partnership Program (MNEISP) in 1995 provided a unique opportunity to assist students who are at risk of dropping out of school or who otherwise may not go to college. Intervening while students are in middle school increases the likelihood of changing the direction of the student's life.

However, programs alone do not motivate children; people do. The success of the MNEISP Program rests directly with the teachers and staff working with these students. The creative and innovative methodologies which you have developed and implemented have produced positive and exciting results in a very short time. With your support, students are achieving goals they thought were unattainable.

On behalf of the Maryland Higher Education Commission, I want to formally recognize your contribution to the progress of students participating in the MNEISP Program. These students are fortunate, and we are grateful for your dedication.

Sincerely,

Patricia S. Florestano, Ph.D.
Secretary of Higher Education

cc: Regional MNEISP Project Director
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