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Dr. Fred Smith
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Dear Dr. Smith and Friends:

I am pleased to have this opportunity to send greetings to everyone at the Pocantico Hills School on being recognized as a Blue Ribbon School, and extend my best wishes on your success and much deserved achievement.

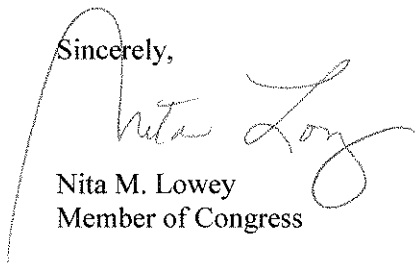
On this special occasion, I would like to commend the many dedicated teachers, staff, administrators, and parents of the Pocantico Hills School for your outstanding commitment to educational excellence for all students and your combined efforts to achieve high academic standards. You have all worked tirelessly together, along with your students, to build a positive learning environment, improve the school's organization and culture, and establish a professional community with leadership and vitality. The teachers have set challenging standards and curriculum, parents and teachers have given students the support they need, and the students have remained focused and studied hard. Clearly, the Pocantico Hills School is deserving of this Blue Ribbon designation and everyone associated with the school is to be congratulated for their desire to provide the highest level of education to Pocantico Hill's school children.

As a former PTA President, mother of three, and grandmother of eight, I know that education is one of the most important ingredients for success, not only on an individual level but also for our nation as a whole. That is precisely why I appreciate your commitment to strengthening the education of America's youth, and I am confident that in the years to come, everyone associated with the Pocantico Hills School will continue to have an important impact on the lives of tomorrow's leaders.

Please let my District Director, Pat Keegan, know when you plan to traveling to Washington, D.C. to receive this special recognition. In addition, please let her know of any assemblies or programs your school is will hold to celebrate so that I might stop by to offer my congratulations in person.

Once again, please accept my best wishes for all of you as you celebrate your well deserved recognition along with my warmest hopes for your continuing success in the future.

Sincerely,


 Nita M. Lowey
 Member of Congress