



THE WHITE HOUSE  
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Ms. Gwen Rigell  
Principal  
Emma E. Booker Elementary School  
2350 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Way  
Sarasota, Florida 34234

Dear Gwen:

Please accept my sincere apologies that my visit to your school was cut short by the horrible tragedies of last week's terrorist attacks. I hope that I will have a chance to visit again someday.

In the meantime, thank you for all that you and your team are doing to help make sure that every child receives a good education. You are making a real difference!

I appreciate as well everything you are doing to help children understand the horrible tragedies of last week's terrorist attacks. I know you join Laura and me in praying for the victims and their families. May God bless them, and may God bless America.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "GWB", written over the printed name "George W. Bush".

George W. Bush