Subj: Thank you for beginning our school year on a grand scale!

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Mr. Larry Bell,

On behalf of our superintendent and entire staff of administrators, teachers and support staff, I want to both thank you and congratulate you for an absolutely, spectacular, "knock-you-off-your-feet" presentation for the Barren County Public School District's opening day for employees.

The auditorium was packed with hundreds of anxious folks this morning, and I'm sure everyone was thinking about last minute details in preparing to start another school year. Then you walked out onto the stage. From the very get-go, you pumped them up, inspired them and reminded them of their importance in the lives of children.

We laughed one moment and felt tears gather in our eyes the next moment. We enjoyed your stories and appreciated your experience as a high school teacher. We sensed your compassion and felt your passion for education, for children —for each of us as your colleagues. We left that auditorium feeling important and needed and ready.

The comments were varied and diverse, as I listened to people leaving, but there was one common theme among them all —inspiration. We are ready for what promises to be the most successful school year yet. Please know, though you have left the classroom Mr. Bell, you will still touch children through the hands of our teachers with whom you spoke.

Best wishes as you travel across the country touching others who touch the lives of children.

Sincerely.

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