

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
RALEIGH 27611

JAMES B. HUNT, JR.
GOVERNOR

August 6, 1980

Dear Dr. Lederberg:

Your advice three years ago was instrumental in my decision to request that the North Carolina General Assembly establish the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics with an independent Board of Trustees. The School became a reality on June 16, 1978 with a small start-up appropriation. In July 1979 the General Assembly appropriated an additional \$3.3 million to prepare for opening the School in September 1980 on a 27 acre-15 building campus valued at more than \$8 million, which has been given to the State for this purpose by the people of Durham County.

In July 1979, after a six months national search by the trustees, Director Charles R. Eilber, a successful residential high school administrator and mathematics teacher, was appointed. In rapid fashion an outstanding staff and faculty were appointed and the long process of interviewing over 900 student nominees began. On September 2, 1980 one hundred and fifty young girls and boys, identified as gifted and talented with special potential in science and mathematics, will be in residence at the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics in Durham. They will pursue a rigorous program of athletics, recreation, work/service, and cultural activities in the Research Triangle area.

Enclosed is a short biographical listing of the School's initial faculty and a statement regarding the curriculum for this first year. A case statement to be used in outside fund raising is also attached for your examination. Your reactions to our progress to date in establishing a school committed to academic excellence, and your suggestions for the future, are once more solicited for transmittal to the Board of Trustees and the Director of the School.

On October 9-11, 1980 a series of seminars on science and public policy and science education will be conducted on the School campus in Durham, culminating in a dedication ceremony at 11:30 a.m., Saturday, October 11. A description of the events will be mailed to you later. You are, of course, cordially invited to attend any or all of the sessions, if your schedule should permit.

October 9-10 - DSB

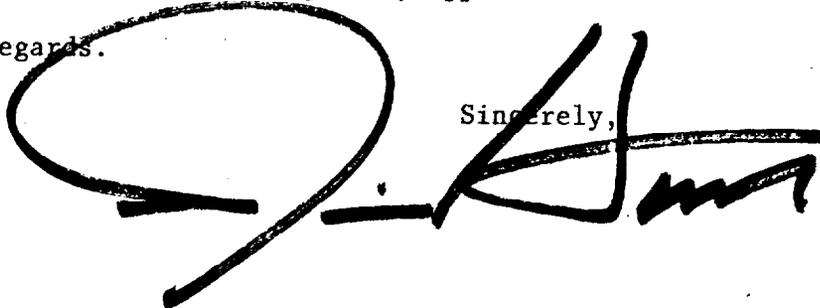
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However, on behalf of the trustees, the Director, and myself a cordial standing invitation is extended for you to visit the School at any time convenient to you. As part of our policy to have scientists and artists stay on campus when visiting, we are completing our first campus apartment for this purpose along with our first residence halls for students. With a little advance notice to Director Eilber, the School would be honored to have you.

Meanwhile, your comments to me would be greatly appreciated.

My warmest personal regards.

Sincerely,

A large, bold, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Lederberg', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

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