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Dear Conference Participants:

No mind should have to beg to differ. This often perplexing and mystifying yet fascinating and alluring 21st Century world that is our present will require that ALL individuals be allowed to think and reason using their own special gifts and talents. As partners in the education of children, parents and educators have a special responsibility and joy as we get to know well and to cultivate our children's individual minds.

The Division of Advanced Academic Programs, through the *Revamping Education for Gifted and ALL Learners* (REGAL) plan has embarked in this process in order to ensure that all children who attend our schools have the opportunity to learn, recognize, and capitalize on their own individual strengths and learning styles, their own special talents and gifts, and to then transfer this knowledge to making meaningful and significant contributions to a global economy. In so doing, we will help our children preserve their hopes for the future and secure a better world for us.

Learning begins in school but it does not end there. Today, let us be the example for this thinking and open our hearts and minds to "*Developing Talent in ALL Learners*". On behalf of the School Board members and students of Miami-Dade County Public Schools, I thank you for your participation in this important conference. Together we will fulfill the promise of our school system's creed: "*Giving Our Students the World.*"

Sincerely,

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