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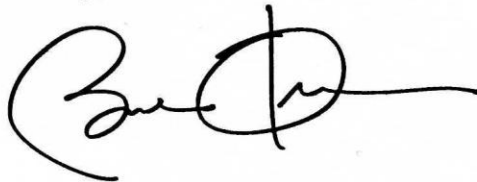
Dear Students:

Thank you for writing. I am continually inspired by the enthusiasm and ideas of young Americans, and I appreciate your taking the time to share your thoughts with me.

One of the most important things I can do as President is make sure your tomorrow is as bright as it can be. Young people like you are America's future, and whether we fall behind or race ahead as a Nation will depend largely on your generation. As you grow and learn, remember that our country is counting on you to be a dedicated and hard-working student. I encourage you to set your sights high, aim for excellence in all that you do, and try each day to improve the lives of others in your community.

Thank you, again, for your message. I wish you all the best.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be Barack Obama's signature, consisting of a large 'B', a stylized 'O', and a horizontal line extending to the right.