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T.C.P. World Academy
600 Ridge Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45213

To the entire T.C.P. World Academy community,

Thank you to Ms. Kelly and her students for contacting me regarding the tattered flag outside of your school. Your letters reminded me of the importance of engaging our youth in the history of our country and it is my honor to present to you today a new American flag.

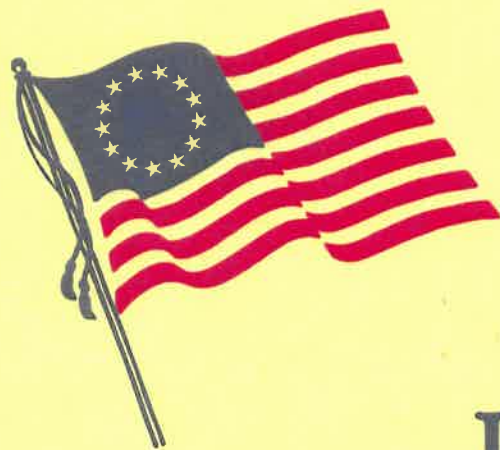
Since its establishment in 1777, the American flag has gone through many variations before becoming the flag we know today. In its first year, the flag was designed to have thirteen stripes and thirteen stars, representing the thirteen original colonies. As the country grew and welcomed new states, stars were added. 200 years later, the American flag consists of thirteen stripes and fifty stars.

I wish that I could be with you today to present this very special flag. For more than 200 years, the American flag has been a symbol of our nation's strength and unity. It has also been a great source of pride and inspiration for millions of citizens. I encourage you to continue to learn as much as you can about the rich history of our great state and country.

All best,



Rob Portman
United States Senator



**THE FLAG
OF THE
UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA**

Certificate of Authenticity

This is to certify that the accompanying flag
was flown over the United States Capitol.

Christine A. Merdon

Christine A. Merdon, P.E., CCM
Acting Architect of the Capitol

