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Dear Superintendent Michel,

We were delighted to read about the \$30-million endowment given to the Salem City School District by the late Forman S. Acton to support scholarships, college accounts and college preparation for students, and in particular, to enhance the International Baccalaureate programme in the Salem City School District.

As a young man who was able to take advantage of a select education, Acton's interest in kids receiving the most rigorous public education possible, such as the IB offers, is a boon to the students, parents and the entire Salem City community.


Mr. Acton's life was remarkable. In many ways, it embodies the attributes of the IB learner profile he is seeking to develop in current and future generations. His intellectual risk taking and curiosity, his deep knowledge, and ultimately his caring desire to improve the lives of young people, while encouraging them to push themselves to become all that they can be, is a wonderful legacy that generations of Salem City families will benefit from.

The Forman S. Acton Foundation grant will help to prepare students to adapt and to achieve their dreams in a globally competitive environment. It will also encourage students to take on an intellectual challenge and go beyond what they thought themselves capable of achieving.

We are pleased to be a partner in your school district's plans to grow the size of the current Diploma Programme and to expand its IB programmes to the elementary and middle school. If there is anything we can do to support your journey, don't hesitate to let us know.

Congratulations to you, your students and the entire Salem City community.

Warm regards


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