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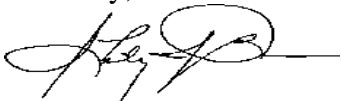
Dear Graduates:

As some of you might be aware, it has been difficult finding a location for the Baccalaureate Ceremony because of the past behavior of graduates and their family members. We are very fortunate to be welcomed into the new, state of the arts, auditorium of Lincoln High School.

Let me remind all graduates and their family members that the Baccalaureate is a *spiritual service* representative of the best of our community. It is for that reason that the service is held in the black community so our families – immediate and extended – can witness this glorious event. Therefore, the behavior of those in attendance should be comparable to that of a joyous Sunday morning worship and not a football game. Catcalls, fraternal and sororal calls, cheers, whistles and behavior of the like must be left for outdoors events and not the Baccalaureate. Additionally, loud, vulgar music on the campus premises, alcohol and other stimulants should not be brought to the school.

The history of the Baccalaureate is rooted in the tradition of our people: dignity and respect. We honor our graduates and their achievement of excellence. We honor our parents and forefathers who struggled to make this opportunity possible. Let us remember that as we enter the baccalaureate service on May 21, 2009.

Sincerely,



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PS – Please share this letter with your parents, friends and any one else planning to attend the Baccalaureate.