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Dear Friends:

I am delighted to send greetings to everyone gathered for the Human Rights Institute for High School Student Leaders, sponsored by the Holocaust and Human Rights Education Center and the Duchesne Center at Manhattanville College.

Since 1994, the Holocaust and Human Rights Education Center (HHREC) has brought the lessons of the Holocaust to students and teachers in Westchester, Fairfield, and Putnam counties and has become a leader in the fight against bigotry and prejudice in all forms. The Center's comprehensive network of programs and services highlights human rights atrocities of the past to foster awareness of the critical importance of human understanding in a diverse global society.

Each year, HHREC's Human Rights Institute for High School Student Leaders unites hundreds of students and educators to strengthen youth leadership in confronting prejudice and discrimination. The event's activities empower students with the tools and motivation they need to serve as positive, influential difference-makers in their schools and their communities.

On behalf of all New Yorkers, I applaud the Holocaust and Human Rights Education Center and Manhattanville College for your leadership in sponsoring this important event, and I commend all gathered for your dedication to helping build a better society.

With warmest regards, and best wishes for a productive event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David A. Paterson".

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