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Mr. Raymond Near, President
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Dear Ray:

Hi!

My heartfelt thanks to you and your entire company team for the tremendous generosity you continue to show the outstanding educators identified as Washington teachers of the year. The technology packages you and Mark offered to our state teacher of the year, Laura Jones, and our other regional teacher leaders at last Friday's celebration at the Governor's Mansion was stunning in itself, but the addition of \$10,000 in scholarship support was simply extraordinary. The looks on their faces said it all – your gifts were deeply appreciated.

I look forward to our continued partnership with you to inspire and recognize the teachers who are doing heroic work in educating our children. Thank you again for caring so much about our public schools and for stepping forward to support our teachers!

Sincerely,



Dr. Terry Bergeson
State Superintendent
Of Public Instruction

Thanks a million, Ray! I was so delighted when you announced those scholarships - and Ralph & Jim were happily shocked. What a wonderful gift you gave those teachers.