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Dear Ms. Verveer,

Please find the attached letter from Sue S. Bastian, President of Teaching Matters, Inc. in New York City. A hard copy of the letter will follow.

Thank you very much for your time.

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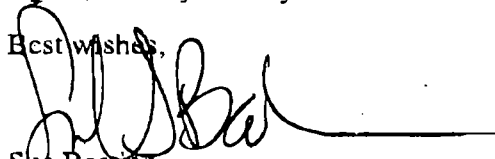
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On a related note, we have heard that President Clinton plans to visit The Interchurch Center in New York City for the building's 40th anniversary. Our headquarters – and one of our training centers – are housed there. If the President happened to have any room on his schedule, we would be honored if he could stop by our offices and monitor or participate in a teacher training.

Thank you very much for considering these requests. If I can be of further assistance, please call me at 212.870.3505. I hope to have the opportunity to work together on these important education issues.

Again, thank you for your time.

Best wishes,


Sue Bastian
President

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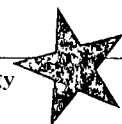
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