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Sincerely,

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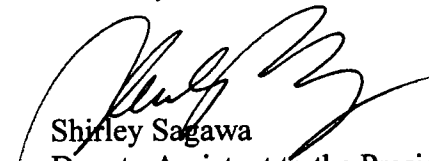
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First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
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Dear Ms. Clinton:

I enclose a manuscript of my book, *Becoming Good American Schools: The Struggle for Civic Virtue in Education Reform* (Jossey Bass, Fall 1999). The book is about one of the largest national school reform efforts to be conducted, and quite a lot more. I believe that much of your work anticipates the course of this reform. Which is to say, the reform both failed miserably and produced glimpses, for those who would look, of a hopeful struggle. The challenge of writing the book was to reveal the rich power of that hope and struggle (what we are calling "betterment") in the midst of a rational, largely technical, and often cynical culture of reform (what we call the "reform mill").

I would love to know what you think of the manuscript. And further, if you find the book enough to your liking, I would ask you to write just a few words to alert potential readers who are familiar with your work that this book also finds the good of America's future in hope and struggle. In other words, gulp, a blurb.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeannie Oakes". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning and end.

Jeannie Oakes
Professor & Associate Dean