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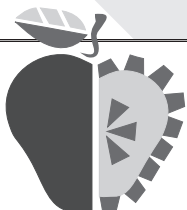
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Dear Texas Students,

You are the future of Texas, and your success will contribute to the success of Texas.

You have opportunities in school to develop strong reading and communication skills; to learn math and computer operations; and to master scientific and research techniques. These core skills will be balanced with other interests such as the arts, music, athletics, career planning and more. School opens doors to worlds of opportunity.

Governor Bush and I hope you have an outstanding educational experience, because the next few years will have profound and lasting effects on the rest of your life. The more you invest in school, the more opportunities you will have as you pursue a college or technical degree, military service, or the first job in your career.

Many people care about you and want you to succeed. You can be anything you want to be – there are limitless opportunities for bright young Texans.

We wish you the very best as you consider your high school classes. We believe in your ability to succeed in school, and we look forward to your future contributions to the great state of Texas. Read all you can; learn all you can; and enjoy these wonderful years of your life!

Sincerely,

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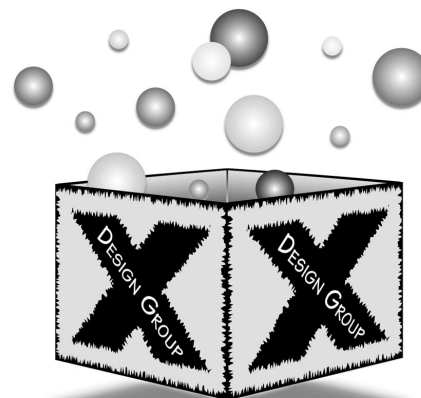
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