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Dear SCCOE Graduates,

I am pleased to announce that Assembly Bill 1350 is acknowledging all of the hard work you have put into your education despite the hurdles the global health pandemic may have brought. It is because of your good academic standing that you are now a high school graduate!

I extend my congratulations to you on your milestone - what an accomplishment! Let me be the first to say how inspired I am by each of you. You set a goal, were undeterred even as the landscape of education changed, and can now celebrate your success.

As you are mapping out your next set of goals, my hope for you is that you continue to challenge yourself and seek more educational pursuits. Education is a long term investment that will continue to pay off the rest of your life. American author, Anthony J. D'Angelo once said, "Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow." Whether your passion for learning takes you to higher education or to a technical career path, keep developing those unique dreams and talents that make you who you are, and always continue to grow.

Congratulations!

Be well,

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