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Dear Parents,

The future of our community is your student, and that future depends on how well prepared he/she is today to address the challenges of tomorrow. Education is the key to this preparation. However, our educational institutions cannot do this alone; partnerships with government, business, the public and **parents** are essential in the adequate preparation of our students.

As we explore opportunities to truly making a meaningful difference, we have focused to provide students – our original target being the 8th and 9th grade – a better awareness and understanding of what awaits them in the “real world” as to education, jobs, careers, community involvement, and life. It is imperative that our high school graduates be prepared for 1) relationships and community; 2) further education and training (apprenticeships, career schools, technical-vocational schools, colleges and universities); 3) the workplace; and 4) lifelong learning as society, technology and jobs change at an ever increasing pace. The transition from school to world can indeed be traumatic; however, we want to help by providing a glimpse of the world that awaits our youth.

We believe “curriculum and courses are often irrelevant if the student does not have a destination in mind.” We hope to provide our student participants a glimpse of a variety of possible destinations – jobs, careers, education/training opportunities and community involvement - for them during our **School to World** event.

We need your help. The success of **School to World** depends on the strength of our community partnership. Parents play the most critical role in encouraging their children. **Attached is information on the School to World event on Saturday February 12, 2011 at the Albuquerque Convention Center, West Complex, North & South Exhibit Halls anytime between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. It's free.** We hope that you and your student will attend, or that you encourage your student to attend this fun and educational event.

Sincerely,

The School to World Program Committee

*There's only a story you can tell. Be a hero. Brag a little.
Tell a kid about your career, you life, and your community.*