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**TO THE
ROOSEVELT ROUGH RIDERS CHESS TEAM
ROOSEVELT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT**
Roosevelt, New York
June 18, 2013

Congratulations to the Roosevelt Rough Riders Chess Team for winning the "Chess Nuts" tournament again. I think it is wonderful that your team competed together in this challenging event.

President Barack Obama has said to students, "Your future is in your hands. Your life is what you make of it. And nothing -- absolutely nothing -- is beyond your reach, so long as you're willing to dream big, so long as you're willing to work hard." I could not agree more with the President.

The possibilities before you are limitless. In today's knowledge economy, strengthening your communication skills, creativity, and problem-solving abilities are vital steps toward developing 21st century job skills. Your preparation for a competition such as this demonstrates the type of commitment, discipline, and hard work that will serve you well in your continued education and your career.

Please accept my best wishes.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arne Duncan".

Arne Duncan