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I send my warmest greetings to all those gathered for the 2015 National Blue Ribbon Schools Awards Ceremony.

Every classroom across America has the potential to shape our Nation's course, and all students deserve the opportunity to add their unique voice to the American story. By inspiring our sons and daughters to reach for greater knowledge and harness the power of their imaginations, the people who commit themselves to education help ensure each generation can know more possibility than the last.

This event provides an opportunity to recognize schools that are making great strides in fostering academic excellence and closing the achievement gaps that hold our country and our people back from realizing the full measure of our extraordinary potential. As some of the dedicated educators and administrators who make progress possible, I trust you take enormous pride in the lasting difference you are making—both in the lives of our young people and in the life of our country.

Congratulations on this honor. As you reflect on your successes and look toward the progress of tomorrow, please know how grateful I am for your devotion to educating and empowering our youth. You and your students have my best wishes.