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Subject: Retirement Letter for Samuel Sava

Jan Paschal, a friend of the President who works for Dept. of Education, has requested that we do a retirement letter for Dr. Samuel Sava, Exec. Director of the National Association of Elementary School Principals for an event this week. Here's our proposed text for your edits/approval (Jan also indicated that the President might want to sign this one personally; do you recommend that as well?). Thanks!

"Dear Sam:

I am delighted to join your family, friends, and colleagues in congratulating you on your retirement from the National Association of Elementary School Principals after 18 years of dedicated service.

Throughout your career, you have worked with energy and dedication to create a brighter future for America's students and for public education in our nation. You have been a champion of Goals 2000, School-to-Work, America Reads, Blue Ribbon Schools, America Goes Back to School, and so many other important initiatives, and I will always be grateful for your support. With vision and leadership, you have helped to encourage, inform, and empower principals across our nation by sharing the information and expertise that can help them to meet the needs of their students and school communities.

Through your steadfast efforts and inspiring example in carrying out your responsibilities, you have had a profound influence on many young lives. Your work has been a true investment in America, and your legacy will last far beyond your last day at NAESP.

As you begin a new chapter in your life, Hillary joins me in sending best wishes for continued success and every happiness in the years to come.

Sincerely,: