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Hi Mary & Karen!

Dear Ms. Burton and Ms. Peterson:

Before we are all lost in the pressure of a new school year, I want to extend a heartfelt thanks to you for providing an exciting opportunity for girls in your community this summer. The video game programming workshops you offered helped nurture girls' interest in science, technology, engineering and math through hands-on learning. They are examples of the vital partnerships between our schools and community organizations that help extend the adventure of learning beyond the classroom.

I particularly wish to recognize the DigiPen Institute of Technology for the generous support that makes these workshops possible. I hope you know how we value your partnership, which is providing many of our most innovative opportunities for Washington students.

Together we offer students the chance to see how they could pursue—and enjoy—high-skill and high demand careers. We know how crucial that vision is for girls and young women especially. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for playing an important role in the lives of our young people.

Sincerely,

Dr. Terry Bergeson
State Superintendent
of Public Instruction

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