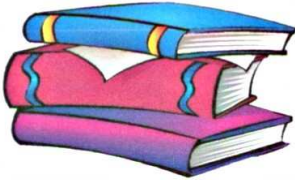


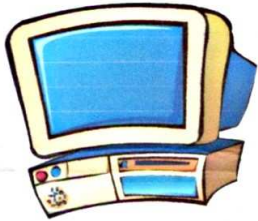
Dear Mayor Barnet:



My name is Margaret Tyser and I am the Social Studies teacher in the Deaf Middle School at the SC School for the Deaf and the Blind. I wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you for paying the fees for my students to participate in the Stock Market Game this spring. I was not terribly confident about being involved myself, but your willingness to accept that financial responsibility gave me the extra incentive I needed to take that leap of faith.



The Eighth grade class and a Life Skills class were both involved. We had to begin with the basics of learning how a business functions and what the stock market is. It required a great deal of time and effort for all of us. However, I was more than thrilled with the results. The students began by following a routine with little understanding. In a short time they began asking to check their status and started looking for information during dorm time. By the end of the 10 weeks they were making decisions completely on their own and trying hard to figure out ways to move up in the standings.



As Special Ed students we competed in a separate division called the Vocational Division. Since this division is new to the game, my four teams were the only ones involved. The good news about that is that three of the four teams won trophies. They could not attend the banquet in Columbia because it was held on a Friday when they were traveling home, but I will enjoy presenting their trophies to them later this month.



My sincere thanks for your help in this effort. Once again your dedication to education and our school has made a difference in our students' lives. I am truly grateful.

Sincerely,

*Margaret M. Tyser*