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Dear The Avery Coonley School,

I am writing to congratulate your institution and its students on winning your seventh national award in the past three years. This award from the National Energy Education Development Project is not only an incredible feat but also representative of a greater devotion to education and a passion for a brighter future from both your faculty and students.

While I have served in Congress for many years, my career began in engineering, and I share the same passion for creating a sustainable world as you all. Quantum Computing remains a new and exciting field, making it so important that our youth become familiar and passionate for it. Through supporting the youth and fostering a love of education, we can transform the world into the future we want to see.

Please accept this letter as formal recognition of The Avery Coonley School's incredible achievement, and may your students continue to thrive under your guidance.

Sincerely,

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The Avery Coonley School
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Dear Students:

Congratulations on your recent Green Difference Awards through Project Green Schools. These awards recognize ACS students as national student scholars and changemakers in the future of environmental research and quantum computing worldwide. I am certain your family, peers, and mentors share in the pride of your success.

These awards mark a significant milestone for your community as the 6th national sustainability award won by Avery Coonley School (ACS) students in the past three years. These continued successes underscore the growing impact of ACS in environmental education, student leadership, and nationwide networks ACS continues to provide its students.

Again, I would like to extend my warmest congratulations and commend your hard work and innovation as you continue to develop your curiosity, critical thinking, and purpose for a greener world.

Very truly yours,

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Greetings!

As Governor of the State of Illinois, I am pleased to recognize Avery Coonley students Amelia, Nathan, Siona, and Tobey for earning national recognition through the National Energy Education Development (NEED) Project Youth Awards Program for your research project, "Harnessing Quantum Computing for Energy and Sustainability."

Having your work recognized at this level is an impressible achievement. Accomplishing this honor takes hard work, dedication, drive, and, above all, a commitment to solving real-world problems. The work you all have accomplished to reach this point is admirable – you and your families should be immensely proud, as I am of all of you.

Congratulations, again, on earning this recognition. I know you all have bright futures ahead!

Sincerely,

Governor JB Pritzker