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Dear Students:

I am very excited to again serve as Honorary Chair of the Globaloria STEM Games Competition. I know that you are all working hard on your games, and I want to wish you the best of luck in this year's competition.

The skills you are learning in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) are incredibly important to the future of our state, nation, and even the world. With this knowledge, you are becoming the leaders of tomorrow and can make a positive impact through advances in medicine, communications, computers, manufacturing, energy, and the many other fields that depend on STEM.

Throughout my career in public service, including as West Virginia's Governor and now as your United States Senator, I have been extremely proud of our efforts to increase investments in STEM education. One of my more rewarding accomplishments was to help make sure that students like you have access to new technologies through an initiative to connect all schools and libraries to the Internet.

Today, I am even prouder of each of you for the innovation and creativity you are showing as you design your games in a way that teaches others about STEM. It is exciting to know that you are part of such a fast-growing social learning network with almost 2,000 students in 51 schools across the state. You really are demonstrating the power of STEM right now and are leading the way in STEM education.

Good luck in the rest of the competition - I can't wait to see your games!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jay Rockefeller".

U.S. Senator Jay Rockefeller