

Anthony

You'll be getting a more formal letter in a few days, but I feel like I should speak up with more immediacy, particularly today.

Your donations of 24 iPads to the autism programs at McCollum, Mark Twain and Pajarito and one other school still to be identified have really restored my faith in the world at a time when it would be very easy to become cynical and depressed. Twenty-plus iPads will have a ripple effect of hope like you can't believe. Now, more than ever, we need hope.

Obviously, this kind of generosity is nothing new for you, your company and your family, but it means so much at this moment. It would be easy and understandable to think the world is going to hell in a handbasket as you see the awful video from Connecticut. As recently as this afternoon, I've been privileged to watch APS teachers learn that they'll be able to help our autistic kids – some of our most fragile – in a way that would've been unimaginable only a few weeks ago.

All I can do is tell you and the good folks at Holman's that we are very grateful.

On behalf of the Board of Education, the Superintendent of Schools, 12,500 employees and 89,000 beautiful kids, thanks, Anthony.

I wish I had better words, but believe me, I mean them.

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