



STATE OF MINNESOTA

Office of Governor Mark Dayton

130 State Capitol ♦ 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard ♦ Saint Paul, MN 55155

October 17, 2011

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the State of Minnesota, I would like to congratulate you for contributing to the grand reopening of STARBASE. Through your efforts, our children are provided a better path to realize their dreams, maximize their potential, and lead rewarding and productive lives.

STARBASE Minnesota is working to increase the knowledge, skills, and interest of inner city youth in the STEM fields for greater academic and lifelong success. It plays a vital role in preparing Minnesota's future leaders. The partnership between the Department of Defense, the Minnesota National Guard, and the 133rd Airlift Wing, along with support from partnerships with area businesses, schools, and communities is an incredible alliance of entities with the common goal of preparing and energizing our future technological leaders.

Thank you to the Department of Defense, the National Guard Bureau, and the 133rd Airlift Wing for providing the space, resources, and opportunity for the STARBASE program. I wish you success as you continue to contribute to our future leaders and our state's economic health and vitality.

My best regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Dayton".

Mark Dayton
Governor

AMY KLOBUCHAR
MINNESOTA

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Dear Friends:

Thank you for your invitation to today's ribbon cutting ceremony for STARBASE Minnesota's new building. Unfortunately, my Senate schedule prevents me from being with you in person today. However, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the work you do and congratulate you on your beautiful facility.

I want to thank all of the dedicated board members and teachers who made this day possible, and congratulate all of the graduates for completing this amazing program. During my time in the Senate, I have worked hard to support the Minnesota National Guard – helping to give them stronger and safer equipment, better access to education benefits, and more support and care for members and their families. I've also worked hard to maintain strong funding for the STARBASE program, helping to promote STEM education and innovation in Minnesota.

As you go through STARBASE, and on to high school, college, the workforce, and beyond, I ask you this – take your STARBASE training with you. Never lose your sense of wonder for the marvels of science and the magic of technology or the promise of progress and success. And never stop asking questions. With a little curiosity and creativity, you will always find an open door.

Finally, I want to thank you all for your commitment to our students. I am proud to serve as your United States Senator and look forward to hearing about all of your good work in the years to come.

Sincerely,



Amy Klobuchar
United States Senator