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Dear Doctors Mark and Ora Pescovitz, Karol Cook, and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduating class:

It is an honor to be given the privilege of congratulating the Hasten Hebrew Academy for accomplishing 39 years of outstanding dedication and service to quality education. Please allow me to take this time to congratulate all who of have been gracious enough to lend a hand in making this fine institution what it is today. Your efforts in developing the young minds of these brilliant students have equipped our children with the principles that we depend on to make this nation great.

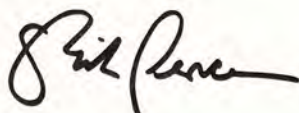
Mark and Ora, Congratulations on receiving this great honor tonight, I cannot think of anyone who deserves it more than the both of you. Your selfless dedication to helping others is an inspiration to all. Let me commend you for your long time unwavering commitment to the Academy and your philanthropic generosity not only to the Hasten Hebrew Academy but other institutions and causes in Indianapolis. You have taught us all that giving is not only a gift from God but an "Art" as well. I would like to encourage you to continue your service to the Academy in hope that your passion will stir awareness in others for this vital cause.

Karol, I would like to congratulate you on receiving this honor tonight and thank you for your 14 years of devotion and enthusiasm to teaching. The love and concern you have for your first graders is evident in the compassionate way you instruct these young people. It is my hope that you will continue teaching and cultivating your students into the future leaders this great society will need.

And finally, it is with great joy that I celebrate and congratulate the students who today graduate from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Your patience, dedication, and hard work will serve you well as you enter the next phase of your education. Keep it up!

Again, congratulations on your impressive achievements and all that the Hasten Hebrew Academy has accomplished now for 39 years.

Sincerely,



Mike Pence  
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