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Dear Professor Cole:

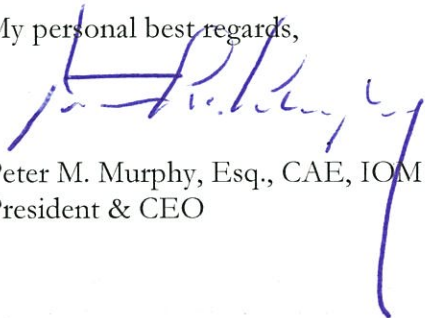
On behalf of the Illinois Association of Park Districts Board of Trustees, congratulations on the 10th Anniversary of the Young Eagles Success "YES" Club. The Club has inspired children ranging from the ages of elementary school through high school in the Rockford area and across Illinois. Young adults who have participated in the "YES" program carry the message forward to youth throughout the nation.

The successful "YES" educational programs focus on helping our youth build positive attitudes, achieve academically in school, and explore the true meaning of patriotism and citizenship. The "YES" Club provides a "System of Support" (SOS) for Students, Parents & Teachers to reinforce the powerful message of anti-alcohol, anti-drugs, anti-violence and anti-crime.

This is exemplified by the annual field trip to Springfield for the IAPD "Conservation Day" each year for the past ten years, representing the national Gold Medal Award winning Rockford Park District, and allowing the rest of the state to hear the songs and powerful message of the "YES" kids as they perform on two stages at the Illinois State Fair. Their enthusiasm for life, and their proud commanding vocals sends a powerful message to the community that these young people represent our future citizens and our future community leaders.

Congratulations on your 10th Year Anniversary and we look forward to your continued success.

My personal best regards,



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