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Governor Nikki Haley
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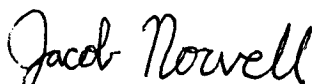
Dear Governor Haley:

My name is Jacob Norvell. I am a seventh grade student at West Valley Middle School in Knoxville, Tennessee. Recently, my seventh grade Language Arts class read Malala Yousafzai's book, I Am Malala. It made me start wondering how students could start striving for education like Malala. My class has been assigned a project to complete after we read the book, and I decided to write three letters to United States government officials or agencies on improving education.

I chose to write one of my letters to you because I saw you on a field trip to the South Carolina State House in third grade. I thought writing and convincing you could help improve education in South Carolina, my birthplace. Education needs to be more fun and active. Students should have activities to go along with lessons and field trips corresponding to every module. Second, education should come with bonding time. Students need to have a good relationship with their teachers and peers to make learning easier and better understandable. Last, education should have characteristics for each individual student. Students could be separated into classes based on their personality type. They could learn and cooperate better with their peers that are like them.

Thank you for reading my letter. I would appreciate if you took my suggestions into consideration. I would enjoy a response letter if possible. Thank you again and I hope my three ideas will make students want to strive for education like Malala.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jacob Norvell". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

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