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Marianne Larned  
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Dear Ms. Larned,

It has been a pleasure to meet you and J'Anthony Smith and to have the opportunity to hear firsthand about J'Anthony's experience at the Institute's Leadership Summit.

Your emphasis on encouraging young people to have a voice in their community is especially important to me. I believe it is important that Holyoke youth are represented and involved in decisions facing them.

J'Anthony's essays articulately expressed the issues facing other Holyoke youth. I've invited J'Anthony to attend important meetings with our school committee and also asked him to join me for our door-to-door walks to encourage our youth to return to school this fall.

I'm pleased to learn that our Holyoke youth inspired the Institute's new chapter: Sustainable Holyoke Youth Leadership Initiative.

We look forward to working with your organization to bring these programs to our community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Stephen Zrike, Jr.  
Receiver