## TURNING POINT SCHOOL

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Dear Denis:

I want to thank you for coming to Turning Point School on Monday, October 14. What good fortune that it happened to be Columbus Day, a perfect segue into spending the day talking about a true global citizen, Marco Polo. The original global citizen, I believe you called him.

Your presentation and breakout sessions by grade were a huge success. I can't remember ever seeing so many hands still raised at the end of a Q & A. Each session could have lasted twice as long, and probably still wouldn't have exhausted the student interest.

Your presentation would have been great in any year, but couldn't have been more appropriate as the first guest scholar of this year, when our theme is global education and internationalism. I believe we will be recalling your visit many times, as we continue to infuse the school throughout the year with the messages that your experience exemplifies.

When I planned the teacher session, I must admit, I was not sure if there would be any participants, since it is always difficult for busy teachers to give up a free period, and with such short notice. And yet, my thoughts couldn't have been further from the truth -- I couldn't pry those teachers off of you. They were so clearly energized by your presentation, your journey, your storytelling, and your ideas.

While I will be leaving the school in November to pursue the next step of my journey, I am certain that your relationship with Turning Point School is not completed. I imagine that you will be hearing from someone at Turning Point about possibilities for bringing you back to campus in the future.

Thank you for being so flexible, and being able to fit us into your schedule on such short notice.

Thank you,

Ben Fussiner

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