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ALMA WHEELER SMITH
STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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Dear Ninth Grader:

In just a few years, you will graduate from high school. While that day may seem very distant to you now, it really is not too soon to begin to think about your future and about continuing your education beyond high school.

You are building the foundation for your future right now. What you do in these next four years will determine whether you can have the higher education of your choice after you graduate from high school. Whatever the occupation to which you aspire, I assure you that additional knowledge and skills will be required.

So, make a plan now. Plan to take advantage of the curriculum offerings at your school and learn all you can. Plan to develop good study habits, good listening, reading and reasoning skills. Plan to be a good citizen of your school and community. Plan to take part in activities and service projects in your school and community. Seek out the teachers and advisors who can help you with your plan and with finding any assistance you need along the way. Talk to your parents and other adult mentors who can help you with your plan and assist you in reaching your goals.

With commitment and a plan, you will be able to qualify for assistance programs that will help you get a higher education and the future you deserve. These opportunities are out there. Please go find them.

With Every Best Wish,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alma Wheeler Smith".

Alma Wheeler Smith, State Representative