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Mr. Smith,

During a recent trip back home to Newman I picked up "The Regional" newspaper and was impressed as well as thrilled to see what was happening at Shiloh High School. It's obvious you've made a name for yourself and the students you are helping develop. How impressed I am with what you've been able to accomplish and happy for your students for that opportunity to grow.

Being a former resident of Newman (30+ years ago) I have worked for the Norton Company-Saint-Gobain Abrasives for 28 years. I am not looking for a thing unless it's in a way to help you and your students. As you can see by the company I work for, Norton was the largest manufacturer of Abrasives in the world prior to us being purchased in 1991 by Saint-Gobain and now we're just that much bigger. And, because of that I was wondering if there was anything that I could help you and your class with? I see where you have had many donations in products and machinery but thought perhaps there might be something that we have that you could use as far as abrasive products, product availability brochures or technical writings? I think of your class and the very nice "from Stock to Finish" catalog we have that actually helps a customer/person move from one department to the next in the manufacture and finishing of wood discussing what is going on and what type of products would be used. I also have a Power Point presentation on the cabinet market but anyway thought I'd just start with this introduction as I did with the Agricultural department a couple of years ago which led to my company providing many abrasive products for that young lad and her Ag students.

So, just an introduction for today. Not looking for a thing other than to possibly provide some products to you and your students should you see the need. Again, great job you're doing with those students as they become productive members of society.

George F. "Joe" Lange

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