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Dr. Iris C. Rotberg  
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Dear Dr. Rotberg:

I was absolutely thrilled to get your article because I've been asking the same questions over and over and had not the wherewithal to document the things you've pointed out.

The article expresses my concerns and, much more, documents the fact that this is a very spurious area. The failure to recognize the effects of the dollar movement and the failure to think beyond the quarterly reports syndrome have driven not only the country into danger but the corporate world as well. Education really hasn't failed. God's knows it's far from where it could be, but to jump to the conclusion of quantifying things with totally doubtful comparisons and for reasons that fail to address the basic needs of education, teaching children to learn, is to go from one folly to a worse folly. I am very very grateful for your article. If you don't mind, I will quote it whenever I can.

I wish you the very best.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "George".

George A. Sinner  
Governor

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