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Teacher Letter from Aviation Institute

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Dear Teachers:

I hope that the NASA Aeronautics Day at the Sioux Gateway Airport was a fulfilling experience for the participants from your school. Hopefully, this will be one of the first of many activities involving you, your students, the UNO Aviation Institute, and the Nebraska NASA Space Grant/EPSCoR program, our sponsors.

I would like to ask for your support on an additional component for the field trip today. What I would like your students to do within the next week or as soon as you can work this assignment into your class schedule, is write a short essay on their day at the airport; your essay would be welcomed as well. The essay should:

1. Be no more than one page long
2. Contain the things that the student found most interesting and enjoyable about the field trip
3. Have a salutation of Dear NASA Nebraska Space Grant
4. Close with each student=s full name, grade, and school
5. Be mailed as a complete classroom package to:
   Dr. Henry R. Lehrer
   Aviation Institute
   422 Allwine Hall
   University of Nebraska at Omaha
   Omaha, NE 68182-0508

My plan for these essays - well over 200 if all students participate - is to copy them, bind them as a monograph document, publish them, and send copies to your class, your school library and superintendent, each of the Sioux City Airport sponsors, and the NASA administrators that made this all possible. I think you can see that this would be a excellent culminating activity that has the possibility of being very interesting reading as well. If you have any questions about this assignment, you can contact me at 1-800-3FLY-UNO. Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

Henry R. Lehrer, Ph.D.
Professor