



January 13, 2013

Mr. Felton Thomas, Jr.
Executive Director, CEO
Cleveland Public Library
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Dear Felton,

Thank you again for taking time from your busy schedule to break bread with us at Saint Ignatius High School. I was so incredibly excited when Fr. Murphy invited me to Friday's luncheon. I do so hope you enjoyed your meal and brief tour; Campus Dining was thrilled to host you at our chef's table. We look forward to a return visit.

I can't begin to tell you the place that the Cleveland Public Library holds in my heart. As the daughter of immigrants and an inner city child, my local branch was so important to my educational development. I devoured books at an amazing rate; no surprises here, but I was a summer reading star. The library really was a safe haven for me. I am so glad that CPL has continued to evolve to meet the current needs of our city's residents; you are doing wonderful things to bridge the digital divide and promote information, digital, and reading literacy throughout Greater Cleveland. I really do sing the praises of the library at every opportunity. As I mentioned, your library provides access to resources that enhance our curriculum – resources that would be price prohibitive for me to provide to our students. The notion of being of a part of the CLEVNET Consortium is very intriguing; I am looking forward to learning more about this opportunity.

Being the techie that I am, it was exciting to hear how you've been able to bring digital tools and technologies to the public. After listening to you and Timothy at lunch, I do have a bit of printer envy; my new goal is to figure out a way to incorporate a 3D printer into our Graphics Lab, the students would love to see their ideas and designs come to life.

As neighbors in Ohio City, it would be wonderful to be able to collaborate and support CPL via our local Carnegie West branch. Please know that I would be happy to help in any way to further the development of this endeavor.

Thank you again for your visit and for the lovely calendar.

My very best to you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Milena".

Milena Streen
Vice President & CIO, Librarian