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Hello Tracy, Good Evening!

Audra Hollingsworth gave me your contact info. I'm a middle school teacher at Francisco Middle School in SFUSD. I teach a wonderful group of English Language Learners from all over the world. Today, my students were expressing their worry about different COVID-related issues and were asking me who they could talk to. We decided to send Mayor London Breed a letter. I have sent it and so have my students, with a few edits, but Audra said I should send it directly to you to make sure it reaches your office.

My students are AMAZING! I hope you can see that in their email! They are "expanding-advanced" 6th grade EL students, mostly having lived in the US for 2 or 3 years. My students created the letter, they chose the issues and all phrasing and writing is theirs. We put it together as a class into one letter. Here it is:

Good afternoon Mayor London Breed,

We are from Francisco Middle School, Ms Nelson's class (Social Studies). You can also call us "team earth," "tech otakus can save the world," "no ocean pollution," which are projects we did in our other teacher's class. We are from the USA, China, Mexico and Yemen! We are 11 or 12 years old. We are in 6th grade.

We have some requests:

1) Good new masks for all students in SFUSD schools. Some people do not

have fancy masks at home. It is not safe for us.

- 2) Free school supplies for teachers our teacher does not have enough school supplies for us. Our school has to spend a lot of money on school supplies. Students are not happy.
- 3) Give us testing for all students and teachers once or twice a week. In our class of many students, only one got a test. Most of us have never gotten tested.
- 4) We should be able to choose zoom or in person because some students don't feel safe in school. Some do because they love the outdoors, some don't because they love the indoors.
- 5) Can you help families who are having trouble with money and food and houses? Some of us have a small house and a big family and that is sad.

Thank you so much. I hope you could do some of those things. I hope you could listen to our ideas.

Have an amazing day! Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!

Ms Nelson's class, Room 303, 6th graders

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