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Assistance League of the Triangle Area
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Dear Ms. Sullivan:

On behalf of the Wake County Board of Education and the Office of the Superintendent, we would like to commend you and the volunteers of Assistance League of the Triangle Area for your dedication to the students of Wake County.

The philanthropic programs that you operate to help children in need and women in crisis make a huge impact in our community. It is impressive that your organization gives over 26,000 volunteer hours annually to make all of your good intentions a reality.

In the Wake County Public School System (WCPSS), we are grateful that your non-profit organization serves twelve of our elementary schools by providing over 550 children with new shoes and school clothes, hygiene items, and school supplies last year. Also, we appreciate your contribution of hygiene kits for our displaced students and the clothing packages consisting of jeans, two shirts, six pairs of socks, six pairs of underwear and a sweatshirt for Wake County's homeless children. Since your first Operation School Bell® visit to WCPSS in 1999, this philanthropic program has evolved and has supported many of our elementary students year after year. With your commitment of serving 600 WCPSS students this school year, the program will again reach more of our student population.

Additionally, the children's books that you provide directly to our schools through your *Make a Difference Day* Book Drive are cherished by both our teachers and students. Thank you for your commitment to provide us with books again this fall.

Lastly, your 2015 Scholarship grants that provided \$136,000 to Triangle Area college-bound students will truly impact their lives. The nineteen students that reside in Wake County have the advantage of attending North Carolina colleges and technical schools this fall due to your support.

Thank you for making such an impact in our community. We look forward to a long and productive relationship with Assistance League of the Triangle Area.

Sincerely,

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Mrs. Christine Kushner, Chair
Wake County Board of Education

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Dr. James G. Merrill, Superintendent
Wake County Public School System