



BOB TAFT
GOVERNOR
STATE OF OHIO

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Mr. Will Hillenbrand
808 Lexington Ave.
Terrace Park, OH 45174

Dear Mr. Hillenbrand:

I deeply appreciate your efforts in supporting the Ohio Reads program. No challenge is of greater importance than helping every child to read at grade level and pass the fourth grade reading proficiency test.

Ohio Reads programs across the state are harboring real progress. Schools are reporting substantial gains in the areas of student reading ability, reading comprehension, reading fluency, and attitude toward reading, as well as number of books read and school attendance. I am confident that your labors as an illustrator for "Kiss the Cow" has helped inspire countless students across the State of Ohio to read.

Once again, thank you for your dedication to the Ohio Reads program. Please feel free to contact my office in the future if we can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Taft".

Bob Taft
Governor

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