



Dear Students:

Time passes quickly, and soon, you will graduate from high school. Graduation is a time for celebration, but it is also a time for contemplating the future and for making critical decisions that may affect the rest of your lives. You must decide about furthering your schooling or choosing a satisfying career. I urge you to do something great with your life, to achieve your own definition of success, and to seize opportunity when it comes your way.

I've never been more excited about the State's transportation industry than I am right now, and I encourage each of you to consider pursuing a career in the rewarding field of transportation or transportation-related occupations. Career specialties in this high-growth arena offer high-tech, high-wage work opportunities. From truck drivers and flight attendants to boat captains and commercial airline pilots to automotive technicians and locomotive engineers, there are thousands of challenging careers to choose from within the highly skilled world of transportation, distribution, and logistics. If you want to be one of those who drives or pilots the vehicles that transport people and freight or one of those who works to ensure the safety, maintenance, and repair of vehicles and transportation facilities, or a host of pathway options offered in professional and technical occupations, join the millions who already find this a rich and rewarding professional career path.

Living up to your potential requires an enormous amount of energy, determination, patience, and sacrifice. In choosing your future occupation, seek the advice of guidance counselors and professionals you trust, and remember that the Arkansas Department of Workforce Services is ready and willing to lend their expertise. I want you to be excited about the possibilities you face. Your ideas, your efforts, and decisions will collectively shape our tomorrow. Best wishes for a successful future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Beebe', written in a cursive style.

Mike Beebe

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