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Dear Laura,

It has been a long time since a single book had the response at our school that *An Invisible Thread* elicited.

For weeks after you and Maurice spoke to our entire student body and faculty, *An Invisible Thread* was discussed in the classroom; in the hallways; and from the comments I heard from parents, at home, too. On behalf of Mount Saint Dominic Academy, thank you.

Our juniors and seniors were required to read *An Invisible Thread* over the summer. So many of them remarked on how touching your book was and that it was impossible to put down. But what I found so interesting about your presentation last September was that so many of our younger students, who had not been required to read the book, were enthralled by your talk. You and Maurice inspired them.

We are a Catholic college preparatory school that each year educates over 340 young women -- in academics of course, but also in social justice. We believe in empowering our young women, which to us means giving them the knowledge and the moral compass to make difficult decisions that are based on compassion and understanding. In today's hyperconnected society it is impossible not to know, often instantaneously, what is happening anywhere in the world. Yet, the temptation to take the easy way out and focus solely on one's self-interest is still there. We want the students of Mount Saint Dominic Academy to avoid the easy way out. We want them to identify injustice and to right the wrongs the world inflicts on many of its people. The story of *An Invisible Thread* is a powerful lesson in that. You and Maurice made your story that much more real to our students. I could not have been more pleased.

We at Mount Saint Dominic Academy are grateful that you were willing to take the time to speak to us.

May God continue to bless you and Maurice.

Sincerely,

Sister Frances Sullivan OP
Head of School