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Mr. Alburuj Rahman  
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Dear Alburuj,

On behalf of the State Board of Education and the Ohio Department of Education, we are writing to congratulate you for participating in the 63rd Annual Ohio Academy of Science State Science Day.

Each year, this event gives talented young people like you the opportunity to showcase research-based science projects. Your participation in State Science Day puts you in a select group of students from across the state -- selected first from the local level and then from one of 15 District Science Days -- to participate in this prestigious statewide science competition.

As you probably are aware, the fields of science and technology are extremely important to our society. The State Board of Education also knows that the demand for people knowledgeable in these areas grows every day. As a result, it is a priority of the state to promote education in STEM subjects— science, technology, engineering and mathematics. By participating in State Science Day, you are helping advance science in the state of Ohio and paving the way for future research and discoveries in areas such as agriculture, biotechnology, environmental science and information science and technology.

Participating in State Science Day has provided you the opportunity to strengthen your research, communication and leadership skills. Whether or not you pursue a career in science, these skills will be important in any career path you may choose.

Congratulations again for being a State Science Day participant; please accept our best wishes for continued academic success in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Debe Terhar".

Debe Terhar  
President, State Board of Education

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stan Heffner".

Stan W. Heffner  
Superintendent of Public Instruction