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Results of our annual campaign to fight hunger are finalized – \$230 million raised – another record! I want our Foundation to continue this yearly campaign after I'm gone.

I finished visiting the last of our 116 local Leadership Schools then end of May. Hope I can repeat it all again next year. The teachers and kids are so responsive to me. I've given out over 105,000 Jr. Scholar cards this year. Kids and their parents love those cards – there are so many places they can go free with them.

I spoke at the final graduation ceremony of Feinstein High School - touching and sorrowful. But in these cost-cutting times, it was only logical that Feinstein High be sacrificed, since it was so expensive to maintain and its 350 students can easily be absorbed into other nearby high schools.

The Feinstein middle school, the only middle school in Coventry, should likely never be faced with a closing. All of the Coventry elementary students are in my Jr. Scholar Program, so all 1300 of the middle school students are Feinstein Jr. Scholars.

I'm continuing my weekly 'Our Great Kids' show and PBS likes the idea of syndicating it, so all future shows I'll make can be re-run in the future.

Stock market has gone nowhere in the last decade. We've done a bit better than most but our scholarship endowments at the colleges have been pretty much cut in half. I hope the Foundation continues on funding just our school programs, our annual national challenge and the few local anti-hunger agencies we've been giving small quarterly grants for years. That's what our Foundation should keep doing, putting blinders on for anything else. Experience has taught me over the years that is the best use of our funds, by far.

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