

June – 2011

I just finished my radiation treatments – a great way to welcome in the month of June. With that now behind me, I'm into my year-end visitations to our 117 of our local Leadership Schools, bringing our new Jr. Scholar cards to all our great Jr. Scholars there. It's so heartwarming greeting the teachers and children again - praising them for all their good deeds they do.

One of our Rhode Island universities has informed me that they want to remove community service as a requisite from their curriculum, as per their prior agreement with us and 'adjust' some other contractual promises to us. I was quite taken aback – nothing in our contracts would allow for any of those changes. I've politely informed them that I want our contracts to remain just as is. All this underscores the importance of our Foundation continually monitoring our contractual agreements and making sure they are being kept.

To my Jr. Scholars – please remember when the time comes for you to apply to college, to let them all know that you are a Feinstein Jr. Scholar. That can't guarantee you a scholarship, as it's the college that decides who get our scholarship funds, but it certainly will give you a leg up on getting some of them.

Speaking of contracts, we are waiting for Roger Williams Zoo to reinstate the Feinstein Jr. Scholar portal at the entrance to their wetlands trail, as promised after their recent renovations – we've been assured it will be soon. I'll keep you informed.

It's now the second week in June – I've already visited 66 of our schools. It's so heart warming and great to see principals, teachers and students I haven't seen in a while and are so dear to me...

I tire more now – don't know if it's an after-effect of the radiation or my 80 years. Nevertheless, I so look forward to my school visits with the children and school personnel and I will continue them as long as I can.

There are 46,000 youngsters in my Jr. Scholar Program this year. They send me letters telling me about their good deeds – I read as many of them as I can on my PBS weekend TV show 'Our Great Kids' but it is only a fraction of the hundreds of thousands of the good deeds they and their teachers have reported they've done as Feinstein Jr. Scholars in these last twenty years since I began this Program.

I'm so glad I've had this chance to do what I've done. So many people tell me how I've enriched their lives of their children – but their children have enriched mine ever more.

Have a great summer - I'll have some surprises for you in September.

As ever,
Alan Shawn Feinstein