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Khoa Nguyen, Principal
Ellis Elementary
1651 Dahlia Street
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Dear Principal Nguyen,

Congratulations to you and the Ellis Elementary community for being chosen as one of three U.S. schools selected by Earth Day Network to receive grant money for a "Green makeover."

It is extremely important that children learn about natural resources, renewable energy, and conservation in their daily lives for they will become our future biologists, engineers, teachers, and elected officials. Their early understanding of the world around them will enhance their future efforts to preserve and protect the environment for generations to come.

Students will rise to the occasion if you show them that you have high expectations for them. Asking for the students' wish lists for making the school more energy efficient is a brilliant example of sparking their interest in the world in which they live, and I applaud you for this wonderful teaching moment. I also applaud you for continuing to listen and learn from your students.

Best wishes for a great Earth Day Fair and congratulations once again on receiving such well-earned national recognition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ken Salazar".

Ken Salazar
United States Senator