

APPENDIX Q

**EXCERPTS OF DR. J. TODD ROBERTS' REMARKS
CHANCELLOR-ELECT OF THE
NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS**

August 13, 2010

Dr. Roberts thanked the members of the Board of Governors, President Bowles, the members of the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics Board of Trustees, members of the Search Committee, and the NCSSM community. He recognized all the members of his family and thanked them for their support and love. Dr. Roberts remarked that serving as Chancellor at the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics was not only an opportunity to come home, but an opportunity to work at the preeminent high school in the United States. It was also an opportunity to work with extremely talented students, faculty and staff.

Next, Dr. Roberts commended Associate Vice President Lemmon, President Bowles, the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics Board of Trustees, and Mr. Lucas of the McAulay Firm for conducting an amazingly thorough search process. Dr. Roberts remarked that he was impressed with the entire process. Each time he spoke to someone associated with the School – the students, parents, faculty, alumni and people from across the state – it was evident to him of the dedication and love people have for the School.

He looked forward to working with the faculty, staff, students, the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics community, educators and citizens from across the state to continue to enhance the excellence of the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics. Dr. Roberts spoke of some goals for the School, which included the development of a strategic plan that would guide the School over the next five years and beyond. It was his hope to chart a course for the School that would continue to provide students with the highest level of academic rigor and with the facilities that would allow faculty and students to maximize their ability to learn, teach, explore, innovate and create at the highest levels. Dr. Roberts would work collaboratively with the University. He said the School has played a critical role in the economic vitality of the state over the past three decades. It has nurtured students who have become leaders in our state and the nation. The mission of the School would be to continue to serve as a national model of how to provide high level academic opportunities for students across the state. Lastly, Dr. Roberts said that he accepts the responsibility to lead the School and to build on its success; he looks forward to the opportunity to serve and was eager to get started.