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Here's a transcription of BDB's remarks to students at Boys and Girls HS. Think of this as the sequel to pool report 1. This is all word-for-word.

**BDB:** "Show of hands who thinks this is an interesting book? [Many hands] Also show of hands who thinks you can relate to the story from something you've seen in your own family your own life? [Few hands]

So seems to me that the teacher is doing a good job in drawing out all the pieces in this and I was struck by that because so much of what we do in the education process so much of what we do after is try to discern truth, try to pull the strands of meaning out of the things we are confronted by.

Do you think that what you're learning from this type of work of literature that it is helping you to think about things about you handle in every day life, the things you come across in every day life? Is that coming through here? If someone could give me a sense of that?"

**Boys and Girls student Devaim Fullmore:** [Made me] "think twice about the females I want to talk to, and get to the know them over a long period of time...before I get married."

**BDB:** "Devaim, you are wise. That is a very good lesson I would say to draw from life. yes, be discerning. I think that's the whole point.

In school you're going to learn a certain amount, you're going to learn a lot more in life, but being careful being smart being discerning about what the truth is, taking your time, thats very good. I commend you for that, I commend you.

Look, we're here today because we believe in this school, we believe in all of you, we're trying to find ways to make this school stronger for the future. And we believe there's a lot more we can do to strengthen our schools across the board.

Today, the world of today, the educational needs you have are greater than for the generation before. It used to be that a lot of people go to high school didn't necessarily finish high school still got good jobs, today jobs connect to education more than ever before. The good news is, especially in New York City today, theres actually a very strong economy, a lot of potential. This is a great great city to grow up in because whatever you're moved by, if you're into technology if you're into music or TV if you're into healthcare, whatever you're into, it's out there but the opportunity to have the maximum for you the maximum range of options, the maximum potential correlates to your education.

And were trying to make sure you get the kind of education thats worthy of you.

We're investing a lot in making this school stronger making other schools stronger. My only advice to you is, and I'm saying this based on my own experience with my own two children,

Dante is 17 about to graduate, Chiara is 20 in her junior year of college, everything you put into education it will pay you back, it will pay you back in your future, it will give you more opportunity. This learning today is going to help you down the road. The better educated you are the more economic possibility you have."

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