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Dear Dean Hayes:

Thank you for your warm invitation to join The Founders Academy's celebration of John Stark Day. I regret that I could not be there to join you in commemoration of this day honoring the life and legacy of a brilliant New Hampshire native.

General Stark has deeply rooted admiration in our state for his heroism throughout the American Revolution; he participated in some of the war's most significant encounters such as at Bunker Hill, Trenton, and Princeton. However, it was his leadership during the Battle of Bennington which resulted in a pivotal victory and laid the groundwork for the tide of the war to turn in favor of the Continental Army. We are proud to honor him as a New Hampshire native and celebrate his legacy on John Stark Day each April.

I applaud the passion and advocacy of Founders Academy students in the effort to appropriately celebrate this holiday during the school year. Their commitment to this important piece of New Hampshire history is admirable and I hope they will continue their work in the fields of historic preservation and education.

On behalf of the constituents of New Hampshire's 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District, I wish you a successful celebration. I look forward to learning from your students and working together to further America's commitment to our history.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris Pappas".

Chris Pappas  
Member of Congress