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Dear Prime Minister,

Hi, I'm a grade 8 student, and there's something really important I've been learning about that I want to talk to you about. It's about how lots of schools, not mine but others around our country, don't have enough resources for kids to learn properly. It's a big problem, and I think we need to do something about it.

Did you know that in some areas, over 30% of schools don't have the internet or enough computers for students? That's what I found out when we were doing a project on education. It's crazy because everything is online now, and not being able to access the internet means these kids are missing out on so much information and so many ways to learn.

Also, I read that in some schools, there are like 40 students to one teacher, and they have to share textbooks because there aren't enough for everyone. Imagine trying to learn math or science when you can't even look at the diagrams in the book because someone else is using it. And some students don't have basic things like pencils and notebooks, which seems really unfair when education is supposed to be for everyone.

It's not just about not having stuff. It's about how it's super hard to learn and be excited about learning when you don't have the right tools. Like, how are you supposed to do your homework or research projects without the internet or a computer at school?

And it's not only the kids who are affected. Teachers are trying their best, but they need support too. They need supplies and technology to teach us in the best way possible. If teachers had more resources, I bet they could do even more amazing things in the classroom.

I really think every child deserves a chance to have a good education with all the books, technology, and supplies they need. It's about making sure everyone has the same opportunity to learn and do well in life.

Thanks for listening. I hope we can find a way to make sure all schools have what they need so every student can have a great education. Could you please write back and let me know what plans are in place to improve this situation? It would mean a lot to know that things are going to get better.

Sincerely,

Gavin McCormack

Ten Tips for Writing with Strong Arguments

Start with Research: Before you write, gather facts and statistics related to your topic. Knowing your facts makes your argument stronger and more convincing.

Know Your Audience: Think about who you're writing to. What do they care about? Understanding your audience helps you tailor your arguments to resonate with them.

Clear Thesis Statement: Start your letter with a clear statement of what you believe and what you want the reader to do or understand. This sets the direction of your letter.

Use Strong Evidence: Support your arguments with solid evidence. This could be statistics, quotes from experts, or real-life examples that back up your point.

Explain Your Reasoning: Don't just state facts. Explain why these facts support your argument. Connecting the dots makes your argument stronger.

Address Counterarguments: Think about what someone who disagrees might say. Address these points in your letter and explain why your argument still stands.

Be Passionate but Respectful: Show that you care deeply about the issue, but always be respectful. Avoid attacking or belittling those who might have a different opinion.

Use Persuasive Language: Words are powerful. Use language that persuades and convinces, like "imagine," "because," and "therefore."

Stay Focused: Stick to your main points. Adding too many arguments can confuse your reader and weaken your overall message.

End with a Call to Action: Finish your letter by asking the reader to do something. Be clear about what you want, whether it's for them to change their mind, take action, or simply think about the issue differently.

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