

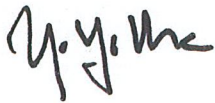
Yo-Yo E. Ma

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Dear Fellow Students,

No matter what age you are, life is full of challenges. I'm so very pleased to know that you've had an opportunity to identify the big challenge in your life, and to think about the ways you've chosen to meet it. We are all life-long learners. Through your experience you've discovered the link between thinking and writing, and the reward for writing well. When you share your story with others, you create a connection to those around you. Along with your parents and teachers, I am proud of you. Congratulations!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Yo-Yo Ma". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Yo-Yo" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Ma".

Yo-Yo Ma