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Mr. Dario DiMare  
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Dear Dario:

As you may already have heard, I have decided to retire from The New York Times after spending thirty two years in a thoroughly rewarding and fulfilling career here. The timing was right for me, considering the success of our latest project; the closing of Edison and the College Point plant consolidation.

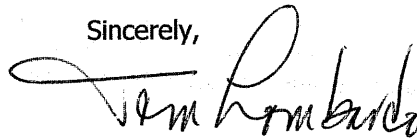
Before I head off to the golf course and sandy beaches, I wanted to take this opportunity to tell you how pleased we were with the work of Dario Designs on this important strategic initiative for The New York Times.

The speed in which we delivered the project and the successful result provided The Times significant savings and a solid basis for our printing future in the New York metropolitan area. The scope of your involvement from production modeling, equipment bidding and selection, A&E services and project management was first class.

It was a complicated, fast track and exciting project for all of us. In fact, it was delivered thirty days (30) ahead of schedule. Looking back on the many projects I have been involved in, this last one will be a memorable one.

Thank you for your personal involvement in this project and in providing The Times with a team of professionals that contributed so greatly to our success. Please extend my thanks and best wishes to them.

Sincerely,



Tom Lombardo