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Dr. Seth Dixon
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Dear Seth,

It is with great sorrow that we have learned of the passing of James F. Marran, geography educator who retired from teaching at New Trier High School in Winnetka, Illinois.

In the 1990s Jim put forward the idea that the College Board's Advanced Placement Program® could and should add Human Geography to its then growing list of university-level courses for high school students. Since the exam's first year in 2001, the AP Human Geography Exam has been administered to 1.6 million students in over 5,800 schools.

Please share this letter with the geography education community online to express our condolences to the host of educators who worked with Jim on AP, NAEP, and the National Geography Standards, with the National Council for Geographic Education, and with the American Association of Geographers during his many years of public service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jon Moore".

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