[Your Name] [Your Address] [City, State, ZIP Code] [Email Address] [Date]

[Recipient's Name] [School's Name] [School's Address] [City, State, ZIP Code]

Dear [Recipient's Name],

Thank you very much for the invitation to [specific event] on [date of the event]. I truly appreciate the gesture and the opportunity to be part of this special occasion.

Regrettably, I must inform you that I will be unable to attend due to [brief explanation, e.g., prior commitments, scheduling conflicts]. I am disappointed to miss out on what I am sure will be a wonderful event.

I hope to hear about the success of the event, and I wish you all the best in your preparations.

Sincerely,

[Your Name] [Your Title/Relation to School, if applicable]