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Bruce Springsteen signs absence note for fifth grader

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To the age-old classic “dog ate my homework,” we raise you a new and improved school excuse: Bruce Springsteen said so.

Springsteen gave one young fan the excuse note of a lifetime by signing an absence form for Philadelphia fifth grader Michael Fenerty, who stayed up way past his bedtime attending The Boss’ [longest U.S. show ever](#).

The show took place on Sept. 7 at Citizens Bank Park, and the Masterman School’s first day happened to be the next morning. But that didn’t stop Fenerty and his memorabilia-collecting father Mike from stopping by Springsteen’s meet-and-greet post-performance.

“Of course Bruce played his longest show,” Mike told [Philly.com](#). “As a fan I loved it; as a parent I hated it. I wanted to kill him!”