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Dr. Catherine Magouyrk, Superintendent Manassas City Public Schools 8700 Centreville Road, Suite 400 Manassas, Virginia 20108

Ms. Ilene Rosenthal, CEO Footsteps2Brilliance 3125 Cathedral Ave NW, Suite 100 Washington, DC 20008

Dear Dr. Magouyrk and Ms. Rosenthal:

Congratulations to the Manassas City Public Schools and Footsteps2Brillance for your collaborative efforts to enhance opportunities for Virginia's children. Through the Footsteps2Brilliance literacy program, preschool students will soon have access to a mobile literacy model designed to boost academic success and instill an early joy and respect for learning.

I have always believed that investing in early childhood education will pay huge dividends for our children and nation as a whole. It is imperative that we continue to look for innovative ways to close the achievement gap between children of all backgrounds.

Sincerely,

Tim Kaine