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John W. Hickenlooper
Governor

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Dear Mr. Brian Conly, Bal Swan staff, and Ms. Lucinda Connelly,

Please accept this note expressing my thanks for your generosity and kindness. This administration believes that all children deserve the opportunity to be valued, healthy and thriving. High-quality comprehensive centers like Bal Swan are at the heart of this vision and instrumental in preparing children to be successful students and citizens. We recognize that children are at the key to the Colorado's success, prosperity, and quality of life and, while children are our most valuable resource, they are also our most vulnerable.

Your willingness to share your exceptional practices embodies the true spirit of collaboration. They not only help Colorado's children, families, and communities, but open the door to assist in the growth of child and family-centered policies around the world.

We are grateful for you taking the time out of your busy schedules to facilitate this visit and presentation for members of the Republic of South African Parliament and my staff. I am told your facility is among the best of the state serving children of diverse backgrounds and abilities. We very much look forward to working with you in the future and keep up the good work!

Sincerely,


John W. Hickenlooper
Governor