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Ms. Kathy Reutman
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Dear Kathy,

Thank you for the opportunity to tour Boone County schools with you. It was a productive morning that left me encouraged and inspired. I am glad you selected the Maplewood Head Start location. It was evident that the children enjoyed being there and were fully engaged in learning. Sue Feltie and her team clearly care about the children and are working hard to provide high quality early learning experiences. The side visit to the Makers Space was definitely worth it. It was good to see that future innovators have a place to explore their skills and interests. The visits at Collins and Erpenbeck were excellent examples of leadership in action. I enjoyed meeting T.W. Loring and Jenny Watson. While the schools have two different student populations, it was great to see the positive energy and "can do" attitude that each has toward their students' potential.

Please extend my thanks to each of them and let them know that children are destined to do well under their leadership. Although it was a whirlwind morning, it was well-worth the time and gave me the first hand appreciation for the busy lives of school administrators and staff.

Thanks again for a great experience.

Sincerely,

Stephanie W. Byrd Executive Director

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