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Dear Superintendent Sabrina Boykins-Everett and Footsteps2Brilliance,

I would like to congratulate you on your new partnership and efforts to improve literacy in the Thomasville City School System. I would also like to commend you, Dr. Boykins-Everett, on your bold challenge to the school system and community to read 1,000,000 words by the end of the 2016-17 school year.

As the father of two, ages 16 and 2, I value a strong education system prepared to meet the diverse needs of current and future students. Quality schools are essential to our society, and they require committed teachers, strong leaders, and engaged parents. However, as you know, learning does not stop when students leave the classroom. For this reason, I commend initiatives like Footsteps2Brilliance who provide our teachers and parents with the resources they need to improve learning outside of the classroom and cater to the needs of individual students while using modern forms of communication technology.

Congratulations again on your partnership. I look forward to hearing about the future successes of Thomasville City Schools and thank you for the work you are doing to promote early childhood literacy in South Georgia.

Sincerely,

Austin Scott

Member of Congress

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