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Dear David

I would like to express my thanks to you, your team and the young people of Wester Hailes Education Centre for hosting, and contributing to, the Deputy First Minister's speech to education stakeholders on 26 February.

Your introductory comments were very well received and a fitting prelude to the Deputy First Minister's speech.

The young people involved in arrangements for the day are a credit to your school and I am grateful to them for their help, and for the warm welcome they extended to all visitors.

The young people directly involved in the set media piece and interviews were remarkable. Their contributions and questions provided the opportunity for meaningful discussion and they were expressed articulately and with confidence. Their views will inform policy, helping us to achieve our aim of ensuring equity and excellence for all children and young people.

My Scottish Attainment Challenge policy officials who met with Liz Lake in the Pupil Support Base are very keen to hear more about the Place2Be Counselling programme and if there is any progress you would like to share please contact Chris Gosling at [chris.gosling@gov.scot](mailto:chris.gosling@gov.scot).

Please pass on my kind regards to all your staff and pupils who worked extremely hard to ensure our event was a success in a welcoming and friendly environment.

I would like to wish you every success for the future.

Yours sincerely,



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