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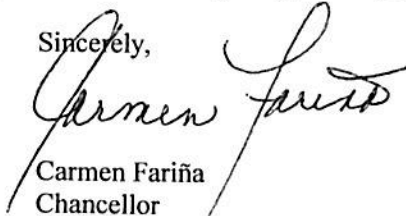
Dear Principal Abbott:

Thank you so much for the warm welcome at your school. I was excited to see that your classrooms and hallways are so alive with energy and creativity; there is a clear love of learning that is embedded into the core of the BELL Academy community, and it is a testament to the terrific work being done by you, your passionate teachers, and staff members.

I was particularly impressed by some of your school-wide initiatives, like "Dads Bring Your Children to School Day." Initiatives like these help fortify important ties between parents and the greater BELL community, and encourage parents who participate to invest more heavily in their children's academic and social growth. I was also struck by BELL's implementation of the Renzulli learning model. This personalized instructional method builds on students' academic strengths, interests, and creativity, which allows them to gain knowledge and understanding through critical thinking and group dialogue. Additionally, as a result of BELL's flexible curriculum, students are exposed to a wide range of academic disciplines, which I saw reflected in the individual and group projects displayed throughout BELL Academy's hallways. It would be wonderful to see your students elevate these projects to a higher level by being connected to community organizations and social projects.

Please keep in touch, as I want to help address your concerns regarding updating BELL's Earth Science textbooks. I also look forward to receiving your students' letters regarding horse carriages that we discussed and calling on you for your continued leadership as we begin fostering collaborative relationships to improve education across all City public schools. Thank you again for your hospitality, and keep up the great work.

Sincerely,



Carmen Fariña
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