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Dear Colleagues

On behalf of the ECM group I like to express sincere thanks for the wonderful welcome we received during our visit to Lithuania. Since our return all of the group have been very complimentary about the schools they visited and the welcome that they received. We thoroughly enjoyed visiting your beautiful city and feel that we have gained a very good insight into the ways that your schools operate.

We felt that all of the schools we visited were working very hard in quite difficult circumstances. It was obvious to all of us that you have a pride in your education system that is based upon a real passion for your country and the children in your care. At times we were very moved by the achievement of the pupils in your schools – we saw wonderful singing, dancing and other creative activities. We also saw very high levels of language learning that puts our system to shame. For those of us fortunate enough to speak with some of your older pupils it was an almost overwhelming experience as the students were so mature, intellectually capable and keen to share their thoughts.

I have led groups to other countries and cultures and it is rare for it to be a universal success. However the visit to Lithuania was positive for every participant and I cannot thank you enough for allowing us to have such an experience. When we write our report I will ensure that you all receive a copy so that you can have access to our findings. I hope we will be able to form links that allow us to continue our relationship into the future.

Very best wishes to you all for the future.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'B' and 'K' intertwined.

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