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**Welcome Attendees to the Parent Education Conference in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex:
Programs, Problems, and Promise**

On behalf of the City of Dallas and the Dallas City Council, it is my pleasure to support the Parent Education Conference. The Parent Education Conference mission is not only to work with, but provide assistance and educate parents in prevention and intervention strategies for many social ills. The city of Dallas and Southern Methodist University are honored to have you as a guest at this year's conference.

This conference will connect researchers interested in promoting quality parent education in the community with parent education programs and individual practitioners. "Parent Education" works to prevent various social problems, such as aggression and violence, school underperformance, failure, obesity, eating problems, adolescent pregnancy, poverty, substance abuse and child maltreatment which are intimately connected to family functioning.

I strongly support the one-day conference in order to begin enhancing the quality and effectiveness of parent education in our community producing the *best results* and *best practices* for social issues and beyond.

Thank you for your efforts to improve the quality of life within the Dallas community and best wishes on a successful event.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Leppert".

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