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Greetings from the Governor

As Governor, it gives me great pleasure to recognize West Virginia's new "Blues in the Schools" program. I am sorry I cannot join you for today's benefit; however, I think this is a wonderful idea.

Music education is a key factor in promoting academic success throughout Mountain State schools. The discipline and commitment involved is of value in every area of learning. I applaud the students, parents, teachers and administrators, who will work diligently to make this program a positive influence. These efforts are an inspiration to us all.

Please accept my most sincere best wishes. I have no doubt this meaningful initiative will be a huge success.

With warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Manchin III".

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