

Thank You Letter to Mayor-Elect Ballantyne from Next Wave/Full Circle Students

Hi, Mayor Ballantyne, this a thank you letter from Full Circle and Next Wave! We wanted to give a big thank you for coming to our school and taking time out of your busy day to speak with us. We very much appreciate the kindness and openness to hear our voices and our thoughts about what we can do as a community to make things better in Somerville and to bring awareness to the problems that people (specifically youth) are facing today. We also wanted to thank you for sharing your ideas and intentions as a new elected mayor with us. We appreciate your company and inspirational speech. You inspire us kids that no matter where you come from, you can make a change anywhere.

William "I was thankful that she came! I enjoyed your company her presence was a total surprise"

Daniel "I was surprised!"

Alex "I was really excited to meet the future mayor I loved her speech I thought it was great"

Lewis "I thought she was a nice person I'm glad she comes to some games to support us and I was surprised about her wanting to launch more jobs for youth"

Jimmy "I liked meeting her"

Sarah "I felt honored and appreciative that she wanted to hear our students' voices!"

Mathew "I felt in shock! I was crying inside thinking "WOW that's actually the mayor"

Bobytou "I enjoyed your company. I thought she was nice. I thought she was nice and had great ideas. I want to thank her for taking time to answer our questions I was grateful that she came"

Denilson "I was shocked and in disbelief I was curious about her intentions."

Tim "I was really pleased for her to come to talk to us! I was thankful for her encouraging the students to get involved with the town! I thought that she took the thoughts and concern of students and teachers very well."

David "I think that she has great ideas and vision for Somerville."

Tyler "I thought that it was interesting meeting her. I think it was very nice learning your ideas and plans for the future for the city"

Sanay (writer #1) "This wasn't my first time meeting with her but I thought that for her to come to our school was really cool and it meant a lot"

Sofia (writer #2) "When I met the mayor I was shocked because I didn't think she would come so it was mind blowing I was very nervous but I appreciate that she encouraged me even though I didn't talk much and I'm glad I got to hear what she has to say I enjoyed meeting her and I hope she has an amazing day thank you."

In summary, your visit made us feel like we have a voice in our community. It made us feel empowered and like we are important no matter where we come from or where we stand in this world. Your visit inspired our community and we are forever thankful for your time.

Sincerely,

Sofia and Sanay