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MESSAGE:

Congratulations on your beautiful baby boy! If he does have DS as some have mentioned, you and your family are going to have a great time with a very loving child! I have 3 daughters, 15, 12 and 6. The youngest, Sophie, has DS. We love her so very dearly. Six months ago we moved to the DC Metro area after being in Anchorage for 4 1/2 years. We had fantastic therapy available to Sophie while we were there and particularly loved Joyce Barnett (PT) and Kristin Bacon (PT and Adaptive Aquatics.) Phenomenal individuals. Sadly, we did not find the special education in ASD so great and it is one of the main reasons we moved. I hope that through strong, caring leadership that may change under your administration. Sophie now gets her school based therapies IN the classroom and she doesn't have to be pulled out to go to a different setting for OT, PT and Speech as was the case in Anchorage. Also, assistive technology was balked at when we brought it up at an IEP meeting. The principa

I at Bowman Elementary said it was way too soon to look at that. Here in the Fairfax County Public Schools, I didn't even have to ask for it. I was told the assistive technology specialist met with Sophie and her special ed teacher and gave some great programs for them to use. Sophie has great difficulty writing, but is great at using the computer and has been for a number of year now. Although not long time Alaskans, we loved Alaska and would still be there but for the treatment Sophie and we, her parents, received from Sophie's special ed teacher, principal and Jerry Sjolander.

We wish and your family much fun with your new bundle of joy! Maybe one of Trig's purposes is to bring better education to exceptional kids in Alaska!

Maureen Nemec

P.S. Sophie was the poster child for the Alaska Chapter of the National Down Syndrome Congress' Buddy Walk in '06.

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