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Dear Parents:

As an elected official, the quality of education of our children is one of the paramount issues I address on what seems to be a daily basis. Be they public, private or parochial, all schools deserve our attention and support.

I am particularly pleased with the fine results being achieved by charter schools, and I'm proud to support the thousands of families attending today's march in Brooklyn, which celebrates the positive impact that public charter schools are having across New York City.

The value of public charter schools is proven, especially among our highest-need children. They provide an opportunity for success – and that is something everyone who cares about education cannot deny, and must support.

So know that I stand in support of charter schools, the parents of charter school attendees, and the wonderful children being given an exceptional public education.

Sincerely,



James S. Oddo
President, Borough of Staten Island

