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Mr. Martin Messner
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Dear Martin,

This letter is provided to reinforce my enthusiastic support for New York public education.

As a product of our public schools, including the State University of New York, I have benefitted greatly from what they have to offer. My children have similarly benefitted, and were blessed to have been part of a small, rural school system from kindergarten through high school graduation, opening the doors for their continued growth and development.

As a member of the NYS Assembly Education Committee, I am dedicated to ensuring that every young person has the opportunity to receive a world class education. Our collective goal should be to strengthen New York's public schools - not dismantle them.

I will continue to be part of a broader effort to give our public schools the tools they need; offering dependable funding and flexibility to help our educators inspire students with the passion to learn, while supplying our young people them with the solid work force skills required to help them become contributing members of our society.

With Best Wishes,

Assemblyman Peter D. Lopez