



THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10007

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Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure to join the American Montessori Society in celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the first Montessori school's founding.

I am delighted to commemorate this laudable milestone with the members of the American Montessori Society, because they share my dedication to providing our children with the high-quality education they need and deserve. Dr. Maria Montessori's educational philosophy is marked by innovation, ambition, and the belief that every child can succeed with the right tools. As such, it is fitting for this organization's annual meeting to take place right here in the Big Apple, whose residents are equally committed to pursuing extraordinary goals while ensuring equal opportunity for all.

Confucius said "If you think in terms of a year, plant a seed; if in terms of ten years, plant trees; if in terms of 100 years, teach the people." Since the first Montessori School opened its doors, Montessorians have dedicated themselves to helping students become self-motivated, independent, lifelong learners – giving them the support they need to create a brighter future in New York and beyond. On behalf of the City of New York, please accept my congratulations on this important anniversary, and my best wishes for many years of continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael R. Bloomberg". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the letter "g".

Michael R. Bloomberg  
Mayor