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Dear Friends and Honorees,

The 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala of the Schechter School of Long Island provides the ideal backdrop to recognize five decades of exemplary service and commend tonight's honorees along with the school administrators and supporters for providing an outstanding academic institution for students in grades K-12. It is truly a team effort that includes an exceptional academic staff and dedicated students striving for excellence.

The strength of any organization lies in its members and supporters. This explains the extraordinary strength of the Schechter School of Long Island. Tonight, the Schechter School of Long Island will honor individuals for their extraordinary service to the community and the school. This year's honorees include the Head of School Dr. Cindy Dolgin, longtime supporters, Diane and Howard Wohl and an illustrious group of past presidents. All have left their indelible marks upon the community at large, as well as the school and its students. These visionaries can take pride in looking back upon an incredible legacy of accomplishments, most notably, supporting the school and its ongoing effort to provide the finest education for our young people. The outstanding reputation of the Schecter School of Long Island is thanks to the vision, support, perseverance and caring stewardship of people like tonight's honorees.

This year's theme, "Celebrating Our Past, Inspiring Our Future," embraces how and why the Schechter School of Long Island has been a blessing to students, families, staff and the community at large. The Schechter School of Long Island contains a diverse population of families whose history can be traced from the many corners of the globe all coming together in a great gesture of friendship and strong faith. Schechter LI is a place that encourages critical inquiry and makes learning fun. This unique approach yields remarkable results and is to be truly commended.

As a lifelong resident of the Town of Oyster Bay, I take great pride and appreciation in recognizing individuals and organizations that work for the betterment of our community. Everyone at the Schecter School of Long Island deserves special recognition on the school's ongoing success. Particularly, though, I want to personally thank tonight's honorees. They are deserving of our admiration and recognition. I wish them nothing but the best in the future. Most importantly, however, I want to thank them for making our world a better place to live.

Sincerely,

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