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A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR BOLLWAGE

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Dear Friends:

Congratulations on this special occasion to the Jewish Educational Center (JEC) as they celebrate and honor academic achievements and service throughout the community. Implementing a challenging curriculum, the JEC focuses on enhancing the personal and professional growth of its students as well as preparing them to become successful and caring members of our community.

I would like to also offer my congratulations to Rabbi Mordechai Tokarsky and Rabbi Chaim Strauchler, who are honored for their contributions as outstanding RTMA Alumni. From pioneering outreach to leading with distinction, Rabbi Tokarsky has made a difference in the lives of so many. In addition, the dedication and impressive accomplishments of Rabbi Strauchler continue to serve as a standard for excellence. Through their ongoing support of the Jewish Educational Center, they continue to have a positive impact and act as an inspiration.

The efforts of Howard and Charlotte Block also continue to broaden horizons, provide assistance and support innovative programming. They are recognized tonight for their commitment to preservation and ability to raise awareness through legacy giving.

Furthermore, I would like to congratulate Shoshana and Dr. Brian Allen, who are being honored as *Parents of the Year*. Providing encouragement as well as promoting the acquisition and expansion of knowledge through learning, they continue to serve as inspirational role models for their four children and the entire community.

Tonight, as we celebrate the 60th anniversary of the establishment of the JEC boys high school, we celebrate the Jewish Educational Center for its history and dedication to the City of Elizabeth. With more than eight hundred students enrolled through the twelfth grade, the Jewish Educational Center remains committed to education in both secular and religious studies.

Best wishes and continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. Christian Bollwage", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail that extends to the right.

J. Christian Bollwage
Mayor