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Dear TLC School Community,

For thirty years Therapy and Learning Center (TLC) has provided the finest quality educational and clinical services to a diverse group of Brooklyn's children with developmental, physical, medical and linguistic needs. Its reputation has been unsurpassed in the field of preschool special services due to the collaborative, professional spirit of our students, families, staff and administrators. This spirit has never been more evident than in the past few months as we all faced uncharted circumstances due to the pandemic in our lives. Everyone in the TLC family worked tirelessly to provide the best possible services for our students. Bravo to everyone for their continued concern, professionalism and innovative programming. We will together get through this even as we face the start of a new school year.

As its President, please know that I speak for the entire TLC Board of Directors, as well as our administrative team, that TLC will continue to live up to its stellar reputation as we move forward. The health and safety of our students, families and staff are our primary concern as we begin anew.

Even during the "pandemic" months, TLC's Board and its Executive Director continued to work out the plan for the effective management of our program. Our Executive Director, Mr. Timothy Behr, has gone above and beyond for our children. However, even prior to this pandemic, Mr. Behr had informed the Board of his intention to retire as of June 2020 after decades in the field of Special Education. It was very bittersweet that we accepted his resignation and began the long search process to find his replacement.

Mr. Behr happily agreed to stay on through this "remote" learning time period, and will work together with our incoming new Executive Director through the opening of fall programming. We will all miss his warm, engaging personality, but are thrilled that Mr. Behr has agreed to join our Board of Directors once his "retirement" takes effect. His years at TLC will certainly prove to be an asset as we continue providing the very best for our students.

After extensive search and interviews, the Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Karen Griffoul Arkin as the new Executive Director, effective August 1, 2020. She, too, comes to us with decades of experience as a clinician and an experienced, certified administrator in the field of developmental disabilities. She is a very caring, involved and knowledgeable professional who should bring her expertise and warm, approachable personality to our TLC family. We are thrilled to have her at TLC and look forward to many years of success and innovation.



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Please know that the TLC Board of Directors expresses its immense appreciation to Mr. Behr for his years of service as well as warmly welcomes Ms. Arkin into our family. Congratulations and best wishes to them both as we all begin the next chapter in the life of Therapy and Learning Center.

For all that has been Thanks
For all that will be Yes!!!

Sincerely,

James J. Mara, M.S., P.D.
President
Board of Directors