



Using the Montessori Method to close the opportunity gap while fostering a lifetime love of learning and cultivating independence among DC school children.

October 18, 2015

The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker of the House
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jason Chaffetz
Chairman
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable John Kline
Chairman
Committee on Education and the Workforce
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Todd Rokita
Chairman
Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and
Secondary Education
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Ron Johnson
Chairman
Committee on Homeland Security and
Government Affairs
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Diane Feinstein
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Speaker Boehner, Chairman Chaffetz, Chairman Kline, Chairman Rokita, Chairman Johnson, and Senator Feinstein:

On behalf of Lee Montessori Public Charter School, we are writing to thank you for your leadership for H.R. 10, the reauthorization of the SOAR Act, and to express support for the proposal.

We have over 85,000 students attending District of Columbia Public Schools and D.C. charter schools. These numbers have been climbing steadily after enduring four decades of decline. The improving quality of the educational options we offer families in the District is a primary reason for this growth.

The SOAR Act has provided valuable resources for these children, resources which have supported these improvements.

As a diverse-by-design school – Lee Montessori PCS serves children of all races and ethnicities as well as a broad representation from all socioeconomic groups – SOAR funds have helped us to create educational environments that support the individual needs of all children. In particular, we have used these funds to enhance the professional development of our teachers to improve the quality of our early childhood settings.

Thank you for your support for DC students and families. Please let us know if we can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. Fortune".

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris Pencikowski".

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