



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

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Dear Friends:

It is a great pleasure to welcome all those attending the annual Colors of the Rainbow Team Match, hosted by Dancing Classrooms.

Schools Chancellor Joel Klein and I know that we must do everything possible to ensure that our City's young people receive a well-rounded, high-quality education—and here in the cultural capital of the world, that especially includes access to the arts. Since 1994, Dancing Classrooms has provided our children with just that. Through its innovative in-school classes, this program teaches young New Yorkers the value of discipline and teamwork, helping them build the skills they need to reach their full potential and achieve their dreams. And whether they end up performing at Lincoln Center...or go on to become the next generation of government, business, and science leaders, their involvement with Dancing Classrooms will not only help them create better lives for themselves, but also ensure a brighter future for us all.

The acclaimed dancer and teacher Isadora Duncan once said, "The finest inheritance you can give to a child is to allow it to make its own way, completely on its own feet." On behalf of the City of New York, I applaud everyone involved with Dancing Classrooms for using dance to empower young New Yorkers and help them succeed throughout their lives. I'd especially like to congratulate this year's competitors on making it this far! I know that all of these dancers worked very hard to get here, and I hope they are as proud of their accomplishments as are their friends, families, and teachers who helped them along the way. But most importantly, I hope they have a lot of fun!

My best wishes for an enjoyable and successful competition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael R. Bloomberg".

Michael R. Bloomberg  
Mayor