

# United States Senate

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St. Joseph's School for the Deaf  
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Dear Friends:

Please accept my warmest greetings as you gather with St. Joseph's School for the Deaf to celebrate its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. I am honored for the opportunity to recognize the exemplary work of SJSD, its Board of Directors, leadership, staff, alumni and friends of the school who all contribute to its success.

Since its inception in 1869, St. Joseph's School for the Deaf has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the educational development of deaf children in New York. Established originally as a private school for girls, SJSD has evolved to become a leading institution for deaf children. From birth until fourteen years of age, SJSD offers invaluable and essential resources to deaf boys and girls and their families.

I applaud St. Joseph's School for the Deaf for its exemplary efforts in creating an inclusive and sensitive environment where deaf children are able to learn and grow. With staff that is specially trained with numerous certifications such as Special Education, Deaf Education, Elementary Education, Audiology, Social Work and related services such as Speech and Language Pathology and Occupational and Physical Therapy, SJSD fully prepares its students to be participating members of their school community, their families, and the larger society.

On behalf of all New Yorkers, congratulations on this momentous milestone. SJSD has been an integral member of New York for 150 years, and I am confident that you will continue to serve our community for many years to come. Best wishes for a memorable evening!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charles Schumer". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Charles E. Schumer  
United States Senator