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Senator Velmanette Montgomery
New York State Senate
Albany, NY 12247

Dear Honorable Velmanette Montgomery,

Thanks to continued support from New York State, Children's Institute is pleased to publicize the Application for Funds for School Year 2012-2013 to fund new Primary Mental Health Project (Primary Project) programs in schools. Schools have been invited to apply and the Application for Funds is available on the Children's Institute website www.childrensinstitute.net/programs/primary-project.

Primary Project is an evidence-based prevention and early intervention program designed to screen for and address school adjustment difficulties in students who are in kindergarten to third grade. Currently in 150 schools across the state and serving approximately 3,000 students, Primary Project intervenes early to correct behaviors and support positive development before more costly interventions are required. Nearly half of New York schools that currently have implemented Primary Mental Health Project have used the program to meet New York State Response to Intervention mandates.

Once again we invite you to share the Application for Funds with your constituents in school districts, public or private elementary schools, charter schools, other public agencies, and nonprofit 501 (c) (3) organizations across the state.

Thank you for your support of our youngest members of society who will be our future leaders.

Sincerely,

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