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Dear Link Friends,

I am proud to help Link Community School, an important part of the Newark community, celebrate its 40 years of service to thousands of Newark children. From my first visit to Link almost 10 years ago, I have been impressed with the school's leadership, the special community created for students and the successes achieved by those students. During my subsequent interactions with the Link community, whether speaking to students about my personal experiences as an athlete and a scholar, speaking at graduation, participating in the school's daily morning circle or sharing thoughts with supporters at the annual *A Taste of Newark* benefit, I felt and witnessed something that is perhaps more important - the confidence and openness to growth exhibited by Link students at such a young age. These are qualities that are nurtured during the time they are at Link and qualities that yield so much for both the individual students and our greater society.

I have the privilege to visit many schools, talk with administrators and teachers, and share time with students throughout this great City and the region. There are many tremendous institutions serving our children and Link Community School stands tall among them as a shining example of what schools all over this nation should be. On behalf of the young people it does and will serve, please support it, help preserve it, grow it and expand it.

Sincerely,

CORY A. BOOKER
Mayor