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### Rockville Mayor Enjoys a Visit to TLC's Katherine Thomas School

Rockville, Md.— Students in **Katherine Hartley's** and **Virginia Senft's** classes at [TLC-The Treatment and Learning Centers' The Katherine Thomas School](#) were excited to learn about local government firsthand when [City of Rockville Mayor Phyllis Marcuccio](#) came to visit on March 25. KTS is a special education school for students with language and learning disabilities and/or high-functioning autism, preschool through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

Hartley invited Mayor Marcuccio to visit 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders after learning of an annual essay contest sponsored by the city of Rockville on "Why would you want to be Mayor?" After a tour of the school led by lower school director **Thomas Sweet** and TLC Board of Trustees member **Bruce Hunter**, Mayor Marcuccio was then treated to a special welcome from the students.

Under the direction of music teacher **Amy Gardiner**, with the assistance of teacher assistants **Joan Rutter** and **Jason Thibeault**, the students held up decorated cards that said "Welcome Mayor Marcuccio" and performed a special song with musical accompaniment to the delight of the Mayor. The students then had a chance to ask questions which they had prepared in advance of the visit, such as: "Is it hard to be mayor? What do you do as mayor? What do you like most about being mayor?"

Speaking to the students, Mayor Marcuccio talked about the importance of being mayor and how much she enjoyed the parts of her job that let her visit places like KTS and talk to students: "This is the most fun I have had all week!" Fourth grader **Brian Wagner** agreed, saying "It was cool! We could ask her questions." Marcuccio spoke about the City of Rockville celebrating its [150<sup>th</sup> birthday](#) in 2010, a year which also marks the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of [TLC-The Treatment and Learning Centers](#) and the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of KTS which was founded in 1995.

#### About TLC

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