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The members of First Congregational Church of Manhattan would like to take the opportunity and acknowledge the teachers and support staff of USD 383.

As we all know these are especially difficult times for communities across the country. Our community is no different. As we watch our friends and neighbors struggle with the ongoing complications of life today, we're reminded of the magnitude of responsibilities placed upon teachers and all those who work in our schools dedicating themselves to educating and caring for our children.

As a congregation and members of the Manhattan community we want to express our support and appreciation for the unconditional dedication our teachers and staff give students every day. We encourage others to take a moment and consider the contributions educators make in their desire to teach those who will be the next generation of citizens to lead America in the future. We are encouraging all members of our community to express their gratitude to all of those who guide our children in becoming contributing members of society.

We will always honor the incredible contributions educators make in their efforts to build students that are both strong in character and well educated, for we understand that the role of a teacher remains the highest calling in preparing individuals to face the rigors of participation in a democratic society.

Our appreciation of teachers, and all those who work with students can never be fully expressed, but we are deeply grateful for all they do every day in our schools, and we will continue to support their hard work and dedication.

We hope you'll be able to share this letter with your staff. If you'd like to download an electronic copy, please visit uccmanhattan.org/news/school-thanks.

Sincerely,
First Congregational United Church of Christ, School Staff Appreciation Committee

and Rev. Caela Simmons Wood, Pastor
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