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My name is Lucy, I am a sixth grader at the United Nations International School in New York City. The UN millennium goals are expiring and we were inspired by that to find issues and goals that we think are important and for mine I choose, Progressive education.

Statistics show that 2 out of 3 eighth graders can't read properly. Also 1.1 million students drop out of high school each year in the United States. This is not only affecting our children, but it is also affecting our economy because if the 1.8 million high school dropouts had graduated in 2010 we would have seen \$337 billion more in the course of their lifetime. Progressive education is a new way of learning. It is colorful and creative, the teacher must adapt to the student not the student adapt to the teacher, teaching the child a deep understanding not just memorizing it and then forgetting it, teaching from a community and teaching collaboratively.

I would like you to take a stand and help in any way possible. As the public school chancellor in New York City you can make a difference by letting people know that some children need progressive education to learn. I am one of those children, and that is why I chose this topic. Even if you can't use progressive education for everything in New York City public schools you can use some of the ideas. I know that you or others may think that this letter is just wasting your time but this letter could save a child's future. Please respond to my email and/or home address.

Sincerely, Lucy