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Dear Colleagues:

Five years ago on a sunny day in April, MIT opened its doors to the world, welcoming 20,000 visitors to campus to experience the spirit of discovery and innovation that hums throughout our departments, labs, and centers. Today, as we prepare to celebrate 100 years on the Cambridge side of the Charles River, we are thrilled again to invite you to join us for what promises to be an exciting, informative, and lively introduction to the world of MIT.

Last November, Professor Leslie Norford and Associate Dean Elizabeth Young extended an invitation to you and to your students, teachers, and staff to attend our April 23, 2016, Open House entitled “Under the Dome: Come Explore MIT.” I write now to say, “Please come! And encourage your school community to participate!”

We have confirmed hundreds of Open House activities — hands-on projects, exhibitions, lectures, and demonstrations — that will appeal to a wide range of interests, from science and engineering to entrepreneurship and the arts. In early April a full list of activities — from “Measuring the Speed of Light with Chocolate” to “Drive an Underwater Robot” — will be available online at <http://mit2016.mit.edu/openhouse>

As a reminder, the Open House will run from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. across MIT’s main campus. Admission is free. Please write to openhouse@mit.edu with any questions.

I hope you will join us for an MIT-style celebration of exploration and learning.

Sincerely,

L. Rafael Reif

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