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Dear RGSD Key Communicators,

We want you to be aware that we have been in communication with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education regarding the future of our district. It is important for you to know that the priority for all of us is our students. We intend to do whatever it takes to make them successful academically while also meeting their social and emotional needs.

With that being said, we want you to be aware that the state is moving in the direction of appointing a three-member special administrative board (also known as an SAB) to serve as the governing body of the district. State officials already have indicated they would like the SAB to partner with our current elected board in the governance of our district.

As you can imagine, we all have a lot of questions about this process. We intend to work with state officials to ensure that the transition takes place as smoothly as possible.

The Commissioner, Dr. Chris Nicastro, will be making a recommendation for action to the State Board of Education at their next meeting on May 20. In the meantime, our district and the department of education will be working together to ensure stability for the students and families of Riverview Gardens. State officials will be meeting with school board members, staff and community members in the next few weeks.

We will do our best to keep everybody up-to-date about important developments affecting the future of our school district. We want our community, which includes students, staff, parents and community leaders, to be informed and engaged in helping us make the progress needed to regain accreditation. Our students have been and will continue to be at the heart of all decisions we make.

Sincerely,


Tommie Pierson


Dr. Clive Coleman