



January 15, 2010

Dear Riverview Community,

It's been another exciting week for our school!

Thursday night, we hosted an Open House for families applying to attend Riverview next year and we couldn't be happier with the turnout. We had over 100 people attend and heard many parents express great enthusiasm for our school and teachers.

This week we were fortunate to have several members of our transitional team in the building, working with our faculty and staff as well as the Board of Directors. On Wednesday, Joel Medley with the State Department of Education's Office of School Choice was with us to discuss upcoming changes in charter school legislation, to review recording and reporting processes, and to answer general questions from the faculty and Board. Additionally, Ross Institute mentors Sally Booth and Junellen Tiska were at the school to offer classroom support and continued professional development in curriculum planning and pedagogy. They worked with us in reviewing the charter goals and their implementation into the classrooms. They report confidence and optimism in Riverview's development. They have also expressed great admiration for our students -- "students are polite, actively engaged with learning, and cheerful about their classmates and teachers!" Sally and Junellen were also very impressed with our faculty and staff -- "the teachers and staff at Riverview have created a productive and supportive culture; they work wonderfully together and they show great respect, caring, and commitment to the students and the community. It's like a family here!"

Lastly, it is worth repeating that we continue to appreciate your support and understanding as we go through the process of finding a new director of our school. Though we are the first to admit that the timing and communication regarding the former director being let go was not perfect, the Board acted in good faith and with the best interest of the school in mind. The press continues to seek additional information surrounding the last director's employment and though we respect that some will continue to dwell on that which is past, the Board, faculty and staff are firmly focused on the horizon and all that lies ahead.

It's an exciting new year, and we are eager to share our successes with you!

On behalf of the Board of Directors,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alison H. Thomas". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Alison H. Thomas, Chairperson