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Dr. Allen Bourff
Superintendent, Richmond Community Schools
380 Hub Etchison Parkway
Richmond, Indiana 47374

Dear Allen,

Many thanks the board of trustees for contacting me concerning the Richmond Community Schools vision, *By 2020, Richmond Community Schools will be the highest performing school system in East Central Indiana*. I applaud your efforts to inspire your students and teachers to be the best. Goals not only promote skill growth, but also provide individuals with outlets to set goals and achieve their dreams.

I appreciate your comments concerning the A-F Accountability system. The utmost priority of the General Assembly is to encourage student and teacher growth in order to assure young Hoosiers equality of opportunity. Students should be able to receive the best education possible in any of our local schools. The current state affairs of our children should not determine, necessarily, their success as an adult. With proper instruction and rigor, more of our students can achieve their American Dream.

As a state legislator, it is one of my top priorities to look for the best solutions to our State's most challenging concerns. Pursuing an agenda that promotes the best education for all children is a shared concern of both Richmond Community Schools and the State of Indiana. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions, suggestions, comments, or concerns on these important education matters. You can reach my office by calling 1-800-382-9841 or by e-mail at H56@iga.in.gov.

Sincerely,

Richard "Dick" Hamm
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