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Richmond Community Schools
Board of Trustees
300 Hub Etchison Parkway
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Dear Friends,

I would like to thank you 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.* Setting goals and inspiring both students and teachers is the mark of a success driven school system. Your continuing efforts for improvement should be commended.

First, thank you for your comments concerning the A-F Accountability system. As a member of the General Assembly it is my duty to support good public policy that can help improve the educational lives of our young people. In addition, my hope is that the General Assembly will take seriously the concerns of school systems, teachers, and other educational professional, to insure that our education system is on the right track. Review of all education policy is a necessity. Providing the best environment for equality of opportunity is my greatest responsibility as your representative. Our kids should be able to receive the best education possible in any of our local schools. With proper care and continued diligence more of our students can achieve their American Dream.

Second, as your representative, I take seriously the challenge of finding the best solutions to our State's most difficult matters. All opinions should be taken into account with regard to the future of our education system. I continue to advocate for policy that makes sense while actively seeking better results for our children. An agenda that promotes the best quality of education is shared with both Richmond Community Schools and the State of Indiana. Please feel free to contact me if you have any 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 H54@iga.in.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Saunders".

Tom Saunders
State Representative

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