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Dear RCSD Parents and Guardians:

During the course of the community discussions surrounding the passing of the Superintendent's Budget for the 2015-16 school year, the Board of Education and I repeatedly heard from parents dissatisfied with Governor Cuomo's, Albany's and the New York State Education Department's stance on teacher evaluations and student testing.

I am writing to you to provide you with a very concrete way to have your voices heard with regards to these very pressing issues in education.

Yesterday morning, legislators, members of the Board of Education, Rye School District parents and I attended a forum in Harrison, along with superintendents, administrators and board of education members from across Westchester County. The purpose of the meeting was to call for changes to the Education Transformation Act of 2015. Specifically, it asks Governor Cuomo and the Board of Regents to suspend the newly-proposed regulations regarding teacher evaluation and the use of state assessments and demands that the State create a panel of professional education experts to develop a research-based and thoughtfully implemented teacher evaluation system. Such a system would appropriately use multiple measures of student assessment data to determine teacher effectiveness and student growth in a way that accurately reflects the practice of teaching.

I encourage you to read the concise, informative materials put out by this group which I have attached to this email, and to sign the petition, available at <http://bit.ly/GetItRightNY>.

Thank you as always for your continued support of our schools and our students.

Sincerely,

Frank Alvarez
Superintendent