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October 25, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

We, the J. C. Clark Elementary and Middle School Governance Team (SGC), are **deeply disappointed** with the recent announcement, made by the superintendent.

On October 23, 2013, the superintendent informed the SGC of the recommendation to redesign Clark school. She stated the school would become an Achievement First school and would serve grades K, 1st and 5th only.

We **strongly disagree** with this short sighted and uninformed decision.

Areas of concern are:

- The Achievement First model as proposed on the 23rd breaks up families.
- The Achievement First model was not and still has not been formally presented to the families of J. C. Clark.
- A disturbing lack of regard for the thoughts, opinions and will of families of J. C. Clark.
- Complete disregard for the SGC/HPS partnership.

We are an open minded and active team. However, we are frustrated and hurt by the disrespectful method and tone with which this "plan" was presented. In spite of this troubling announcement, we intend to continue to press for the promised renovations, badly needed resources and renewed support from HBOE/HPS to strengthen J. C. Clark School and help our students, families and community to achieve greater success.

Sincerely,

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