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Dear 2023 Board Advisory Committee:

Thank you for joining us last night for our first meeting. We very much appreciate your time and willingness to share your various perspectives with us.

We are pleased by the spirited dynamic in the room and hope that it continues; we also hope that the individuals who have not yet voiced their opinions will feel comfortable to do so when the committee convenes again. We do anticipate leaving time for open discussion of committee members' concerns at each meeting.

In an effort to be responsive to concerns voiced regarding curriculum, we thought the best place to begin would be to share what the law permits Boards of Education for your perusal here [NYS Education Law](#) (NYS Education Law Title 2, Article 35, 1709).

With regard to some other specific items raised, the Board, generally, refers individuals to District Administration and to United Parent Teacher Council. That being said, Dr. Prendergast asked us to share [Response Procedure Flow Chart](#) for consideration. We are eager to receive more input from all members of the committee, whether parents, residents, or staff, as the meetings continue.

At the next Board Advisory meeting on March 15th, you can expect to receive more information (and to be surveyed) as one of our focus groups in the Board's search for our next Superintendent of Schools; information regarding demographic trends impacting our students, staffing, facilities, and budget; and the preliminary 2023 annual operating budget.

At the next meeting, each member of the committee will be asked to use a school iPad for some data-gathering. If you feel you will need some help in this regard, please let Ms. McShane know so that advance training may be arranged.

In the interim, please feel free to join us in person or online at the District's next public action meeting on February 15th when it is anticipated that some of these topics will be addressed, and, also, that the Board Advisory Committee will be named and thanked individually on the record.

Respectfully,

Rebecca Sassouni and Donna Peirez

RS:pm