# Comments

(Please print) DESE you are as much at fault as Riverview is.

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(Please print) Why is the State Trying To change the schools into a Superschool? Whats in it for Them? I would like to see the school get it accreditation back

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(Please print) While there is still room for growth, the High School has seen dramatic improvement as the result of smaller class sizes. What happens if all the students transfer back? We must find a way to keep class size to 18 or less. Our kids need that.

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(Please print) What are we doing to continue the initiatives started by Dr. Nicasio in 2009 for struggling urban district? What are your internal conflicts

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Once again, instead of removing teachers, remove all of central office, the school board & all head principals

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You need to focus on why some children succeed and other children do not.

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(Please print) What would be the purpose of forming a large conglomerate of failing schools. What supports would you provide? What would you do differently? What is your plan to enhance education?

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(Please print) It is a crime to take funds from an already failing district & send it to another school that thrives. Students here →

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at RGHTS deserve quality education!

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(Please print) Attached you will find commentary from RGHS students. They are deeply invested & commited to their community & I just wish that the powers at-be were too.

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Fantize Turner
December. 16, 2013
Pd: 8

Do Now

I think the one message to the ~~[illegible]~~ audience at the meeting, that ~~[illegible]~~ the Riverview Highschool during my two-years here really have some good teachers. You can tell that they are educated, and they are willing to help. Sometimes they even care about your education, than yourself. They will do the best of their ability to fit your needs & to achieve in their classes & through life. It's just up to the students to do their part & try, and want to succeed. This will be the message because some parents have a misunderstanding on ~~[illegible]~~ the teachers.

Victoria Williams
12/16/13
DONAW

I would tell them that I love my school. And I love my school because I have fun here. Honestly I do. And all my friends are cool, just like me. That's all I have to say. Thank you. We may not get the education like the others, but at least we're learning.
*smile & walk away*

Arlondo Watson

~~A~~ 12/14

I would just like to inform the audience about how much the Student success has grown. The students have a visual and a mindset of achieving in high school, as well as after high school. As the population of Riverview Gardens, we understand the Issues and goals we face on an everyday basis. That's one of the reasons why we worked very hard, in order to do what's right for the district. As you know, the high school has already given the reputation of failure but you'll only see for yourself. You shouldn't judge the book by it's cover because the story has been changed. Great things has happened in the past year and I can honestly say that w/ ~~the~~ my class of 2014, as well as the other School students, that we aren't far from accreditation :)

Marrio Roberts

☆Do Now: 12/16/13

I would tell the audience that Riverview has provided me with a learning experience I did not recieve at previous schools. I went to numerous elementary schools. Also, my freshman year I went to Belleville East. None of these schools taught me more from a mental and cultural standpoint. At Riverview I have learned the importance of working hard to reach my goals and how to succeed.

Tina Crawford

To: Whom it may concern

I have been attending Riverview Gardens Senior High School for four years now and I feel like the school is actually changing for the good. When I first came into this school it wasn't crazy but it was a little out of control. Even though it's smaller now this school is calm. No one is fighting + they're rarely in the hallway. Whenever we have a tiny problem we're criticized and ~~that~~ everything is made public. The public views us how the media portraits us, but we are no different from these other schools.

Maurnece Monroe 12/16/13

Dear Riverview Gardens School District,

My name is Maurnece Monroe a senior at Riverview Gardens High school; for the past three years I have had many great experiences at the high school. At Riverview Gardens the teachers are respectful, encouraging, and fair. Since I have attended Riverview I have had many opportunities to be more involved in activies which helped me improve myself as a person.

Britana Taylor

12/10/13

Dear Audience,

Being a student at Riverview Gardens has been quite an experience for me. I was a transfer from Hazelwood in the sixth grade. I've heard a lot of bad things about Riverview. People say "they fight too much", "they're going to hit you with a lock." Throughout middle school and high school, I have not experienced those things. Fighting is definetly everywhere. I believe education is something that should be tooken very seriously in elementary and that is not is ~~being~~ not being stressed.

Sincerely,
Britana

Kylerra Taylor

My experience at Riverview has not been what people told me to be. I am proud to be a Riverview Ram. And when I graduate I will be successful and for who ever wants to know I Graduated from Riverview & I am proud.

Manpreet Kaur

- I have been in Riverview for 4 years. I've seen how Riverview have overcome. Instead of excussing us they should worry about other school. Riverview is not the only school. I don't like when people talk about us. Riverview is not what media say it is. I am a senior in Riverview and going to graduate from here. Going to college.

December 16, 2013 Bo Vaw Keldisha Johnson

If I could relay one message to the audience it would be that they would be greatly appreciated to continually support our district. I would ask that they give their input and have faith in our schools.

I have had an awesome high school experience. I love my school and I'm always seeing improvement. As a senior, I look back on previous years of school at Riverview and this is the best year; not because its my last year but because there has been positive change.

Do Now 12/16/3

Britni Peebles

~~Riverview Gardens is very accepting very helpful and very serious about teaching us.~~

- Riverview Gardens is very accepting. No matter your race or your level of understanding. They are very helpful when it comes to accomplishing certain tasks. Riverview is very serious about teaching us the material needed to help us toward our futures of becoming doctors, lawyers, teachers and even adults

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Melandy Myer
December 16, 2013
B8

One message I would relay to the audience is to not believe everything they hear on the news, from people, etc. There are a lot of bad things being said about the district. They should keep in mind that everything has two sides to it a good + a bad. In this situation only the bad is being displayed publicly + not the good. For example none of the volunteer work like the garden, the 3.0 + above students, + all the volunteer experience. I feel as if they should actually view the classrooms + instructions throughout the week.

Sheree Sims
December 16th, 2013
English IV Hons/B8
Jones

Do Now

I've only been in the Riverview Gardens School District since I moved in the middle of the second semester during Freshmen year. A small school, nearly everyone knows each other. From my experiences as a RGHS student, I can say the students here are some of the rudest and ignorant, but also hold great potential if their abilities were focused and channeled towards something productive. I don't believe this school district should be shut down because this community needs it, but for it to remain it has to improve. The step towards improving the school begins with improving the culture at home and in the community. I often hear students, even some teachers, say they will only reach for the minimum requirement. Why reach for the A+ when C is passing? That has to change. For this district to grow, every facet of it will have to strive for the best.

Keyonna Harris
DO now

Dear Audience,

Although I love my school to death there needs to be some serious changes made in the district. It seems as though the media and the rest of the school district looks to the high school when there's a problem. Like we are the root of all the problems. But that isn't the case at all. I am apart of the S.T.A.M.D. program in which we go tutor kids and it really starts there.

DO NOW → Deja Jones

Dear audience,

I am Deja Jones, a 17 year old Senior at Riverview Gardens Senior High school. I feel as though you guys only believe what you hear and see on the news. You only hear about our un-accredited high school and 2% of our student body's behavior. But I wanna know how many of you have walked the halls of Riverview Gardens? After you've graduated? Probably, about the whole audience excluding Riverview staff, faculty, and students. How many know that Hazelwood's school district are on the same path of us? McCluer, Vashon, Roosevelt, are other schools among those. If you look up our alumni and see what they're doing. We have nurses, teachers, military veterans, etc. Everyone in Riverview isn't on the same page w/ education. But it doesn't mean that they don't have the potential. Instead, of broadcasting the bad news tell what good is coming. Help us if you see we need the help. Taking a school away depletes a community .... think about it! That is all!

Kyra Skinner

DONow 12/16/13

Riverview Gardens is not what the media portrays us to be. Riverview has some of the intelligent well-driven students I've ever met. Before you can judge us you must know our story and the things we go through to make our school better. I am a senior at Riverview Gardens High and not matter where I come from I will be successful. And even when I get my career going and become the successful young lady I plan to be I will let it be known that I am a graduate of Riverview Gardens.

Marlon Smith

Dear Audience,

I view Riverview as a school that has kids that wants to learn. I feel that the root of our so called "problem" is with the administration and somewhat of the parents. Some parents don't act on their childs bad behavior in school, which is the reason for some of the behavioral problems.

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Dear audience,

I love my school. I feel my school is better than what it seems. The main problem is the students. Don't get me wrong, some teachers aren't as willing as some teachers but it is the students that must come to school everyday. It's the students who have to sit and stay in class. It's the students who have to be able to maintain self control & know when to be quiet. Parents, please help the students help the district.

December 16, 2013

Dear Audience,

I have enjoyed my years in the RGSD. I have been apart of the district since 2nd grade. I hate to hear how the media portrays us. It makes me feel ashamed to say I attend Riverview on applications or interviews. But in reality, I have nothing to be ashamed of. I am ranked in the top of my class, I have been accepted into my top schools, and have been rewarded many scholarships. This is the district I grew up in and the people I grew up with. Now ~~and~~ reaching the end of my Senior year, and I have no regrets.