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Board of Education
Auburn Career Center
8140 Auburn Road
Concord Township, OH 44077

Dear Board Members,

The Riverside Local School District, along with other local school districts, was recently made aware of a significant change to the admission process for students to be accepted into Auburn Career Center's programs.

We are writing to express disappointment that this process was changed without notification to Riverside, or other local school districts. We are also unaware of what caused the admission process to change and we are concerned with the lack of transparency from Auburn Career Center.

As Auburn Career Center's biggest feeder of students (130 Riverside High School students are currently enrolled in Auburn Career Center programs), Riverside would have welcomed the chance to discuss the admission process prior to any changes being made. We had invited Dr. Brian Bontempo to a Riverside Local School District Board of Education meeting in February to discuss this situation further and hopefully gain more understanding or information of the new admission process. We are still unaware of exactly how the new process was implemented and how it's being managed. Unfortunately, Dr. Bontempo was unable to attend the board meeting. He did send the Board an e-mail, however the explanation was still unclear.

Our Board, as well as our administration, parents and community members are concerned about the potential impact that this new process will have on our student body and we respectfully ask Auburn Career Center to reconsider these changes before its next lottery selection of students on Monday, March 14.

We are willing to collaborate further with Auburn Career Center to strategize ideas to expand capacity of programs to create equal opportunities amongst students.

Thank you for taking the time to review this letter and considering our request.

Sincerely,

The Riverside Local Schools Board of Education



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