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The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo Governor of New York State NYS State Capitol Building Albany, NY 12224

The Honorable Senator Marcellino LOB 811 Albany, NY 12247

The Honorable Assemblywoman Nolan LOB 836 Albany, NY 12248

Dear Governor Cuomo, Senator Marcellino and Assemblywoman Nolan,

We urge you and your fellow Education Committee members to pass proposed legislation S3821 / A5355 which would authorize the Commissioner of Education to appoint a state monitor to oversee the East Ramapo School District in Rockland County. The public school students of the East Ramapo School District would greatly benefit from the much needed and overdue oversight.

By way of endorsing this legislation, it is our intention to support constructive aid and corrective oversight to the East Ramapo School District and thus restore trust within the community. For years, the spirit of collaboration and commitment to all the children, between the school board and community members of East Ramapo, has eroded and been replaced with suspicion, ill will and dissension. A monitor will provide objective and transparent guidance which will aid relationships and restore public confidence in the governance system.

Sincerely,

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CC: The Honorable Senator David Carlucci

The Honorable Assemblywoman Ellen Jaffe
The Honorable Assemblyman Kenneth Zebrowski