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Marco F. Pochintesta
Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Pearl River School Community,

The district is currently conducting a grade configuration study. We are looking at the current structure of our schools (elementary schools are grades K-4, middle school is for grades 5-7, and high school is for grades 8-12) and considering what improvements might be made to better serve the needs of our students. We are also considering other grade configurations and what advantages they might offer that would benefit our students.

Over the last month, our district administrative team has met with parent groups and faculty and staff groups. At this time we have gained a considerable amount of feedback through our work with focus groups. Our efforts to study this critical aspect of how our district works would be greatly aided by a survey that reflects the opinions of our whole district community. The survey allows participants to provide their perspectives on the various models of grade configurations for our schools that are being considered.

Tomorrow, an email will be sent from my email address **via SurveyMonkey** (member@surveymonkeyuser.com), to all email addresses in our k-12 alert system asking for you to participate in the grade configuration study survey. This information will help inform recommendations to the Board of Education for the future of our schools. The survey will close on Monday morning. A summary report of the survey results and the feedback obtained from the focus groups will be provided to the Board of Education at their next meeting on Tuesday, February 12th. If you are receiving this communication today but do not receive an email by tomorrow afternoon, please check your SPAM folder. I thank you in advance for taking the time to fill out the survey.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marco F. Pochintesta".