

April 16, 2010

Dear Sutton and North Atlanta Parents and Guardians,

As many of you know, last week we received a letter from the Georgia Department of Education (GDOE) responding to our complaint that Riverwood International Charter School was violating state charter school statutes by recruiting students who live outside the school's attendance area. GDOE advised Riverwood officials and us that the school must "immediately cease its practice of enrolling students who reside in the APS enrollment area." Their full GDOE report is available at [www.northatlantahigh.org/cms/content/view/465/220/](http://www.northatlantahigh.org/cms/content/view/465/220/).

This information is important because Riverwood has recruited students from Sutton Middle and North Atlanta High schools, which is a clear violation of Georgia law. Riverwood has assured parents that Atlanta residents could attend their school. **That is simply not true.** We expect Riverwood to abide by this decision and will ensure that they do so.

Atlanta Public Schools believes it is important to provide our city's residents with choice and we provide a wide variety of traditional and charter school options for them.

We are extremely proud of the teachers and administrators in Atlanta Public Schools who are committed to helping every student reach his or her potential. In the northside area of the city, we also can boast being one of the nation's few k-12 International Baccalaureate clusters.

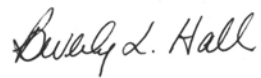
We have been so successful with our academic and extracurricular programs that our enrollment is growing every year. To meet this demand, the district plans to open a new middle school and build a brand new facility for North Atlanta High School. Detailed information about our plans for building a new, state-of-the art high school will be available soon.

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I want to thank you for your continuing support of our public schools and we are looking forward to working with you to continue providing the high level of educational services you have come to expect from your public schools.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact your school or one of the administrators copied below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Beverly L. Hall".

Beverly L. Hall, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

cc: Audrey Sofianos, Principal, Sutton Middle School  
Mark Mygrant, Principal, North Atlanta High School  
Randolph Bynum, Assistant Superintendent of High Schools  
Tamara Cotman, Executive Director, SRT4  
Sharron Pitts, Chief of Staff  
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