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“At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us.”

Albert Schweitzer

On Saturday, April 16, 2011, a tornado ravaged parts of Gloucester County and destroyed one of Gloucester’s oldest schools, Page Middle School (formerly Gloucester High School until 1975). Citizens rallied to help one another in a manner that has been representative of Gloucester’s community spirit. The outpouring of support for the school district was a spark that allowed the Superintendent and the School Board to move quickly to accommodate almost 600 students at Page Middle School; and ensure that their right to a quality education was not disrupted by more than two days.

On behalf of the Gloucester County School Board and Superintendent, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the citizens, emergency response personnel, local businesses, regional friends, and the faith-based community for the many offers of assistance and contributions to children and their families. I want to thank in particular the parents, students, and staff of Gloucester County Public Schools for their tremendous efforts and sacrifices made in assisting the school district through its transition since April 16. The community’s response to this disaster has rekindled the flame within all of us to fulfill the mission of educating the children of Gloucester County. The School Board could not have made the necessary decisions so quickly without the community’s support and encouragement. The Board has been truly touched by Gloucester’s fortitude, generosity and “can-do” attitude.

Anita F. Parker, Chairperson and
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