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Dear Members of the Garden City School Community:

As you may know, the State Education Department recently posted a survey on the web that seeks to elicit your thoughts about New York's Common Core Learning Standards.

We are pleased that the State Education Department has taken this initiative, as it provides the opportunity for everyone to share thoughts about the Common Core Learning Standards. The survey allows responders to address each standard and offer suggestions for improvement. Although the survey is lengthy and detailed, I encourage you to take part in this initiative and review the items the survey contains. In this manner, you will be able to add your voice as the State Education Department begins its review of the standards. In addition, survey items include the exact language used for each standard, at each grade level, and each content area, thereby providing the opportunity for you to become more knowledgeable about the specific contents of the standards and the skills and understandings they seek to build among our students.

As mentioned above, please remember that the survey is a bit cumbersome to complete. For parents of current students, I suggest that you begin with the standards devoted to your child's current grade level. For all, please note that the survey can be halted and resumed at a later time, so you need not try to finish all at once.

The survey can be accessed at <http://aim-high-ny.statestandards.org/>, and responses will be accepted until November 30, 2015. An explanation of the survey can be found at [www.nysed.gov/aimhighny](http://www.nysed.gov/aimhighny).

I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity and share your views with the State Education Department, the new Commissioner of Education, MaryEllen Elia, and Chancellor of the Board of Regents, Merryl Tisch.

Sincerely,

Robert Feirsen, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

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