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Dear Mr. Silverstein and Glassboro Board Members,

My name is Janellen Duffy, and I am the Executive Director of JerseyCAN: The New Jersey Campaign for Achievement Now. JerseyCAN is a nonprofit education advocacy and research organization. As part of our 2013 school report cards, we named Glassboro Intermediate a JerseyCAN top 10 school.

I am writing today to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the teachers and leadership team at Glassboro Intermediate. Earlier this year, JerseyCAN reached out to school leaders and teachers to learn more about their experiences with the new standards. Our goal was to create informational videos explaining the Common Core and how it would impact students and teachers in New Jersey. When we approached Mr. Matthews about the opportunity to feature Glassboro Intermediate, he was excited to showcase the hard work of his students and staff.

We want to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Susan Mallardi, Mrs. Carol Sharp, Mrs. Ilsa Noble, Mrs. Lynn Berman and Principal Matthews for graciously agreeing to participate in the videos and allowing us into their classrooms. Mr. Matthews' and his staff's dedication to implementing the standards was clear from the moment we stepped onto campus. Students were engaged and following the lesson intently. Teachers appeared excited and enthusiastic as students explained their answers and supported their answers with evidence. Glassboro Intermediate's students were polite, energetic and extremely helpful throughout the filming process. We strongly believe the JerseyCAN Common Core videos will serve as an excellent tool to help educators, parents and community members learn more about why the standards are important and how they will benefit students across the state. The videos can be found at <http://commoncore.jerseycan.org/>.

As part of our follow-up to the video release, Mr. Matthews shared that Glassboro Intermediate received the highest NJASK scores in the history of the school. This is an excellent indicator that the efforts of the teachers and leadership at Glassboro Intermediate are having their intended impact. We thank Mr. Matthews and his staff for all of their help with making the videos a success and look forward to working with Glassboro schools in the future.

Thank you,

Janellen Duffy
Executive Director of JerseyCAN