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Dr. Clarence C. Hoover, III

January 15, 2010

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In the wake of one the world's largest natural tragedies, I would like to take this moment to extend my deepest empathy to the citizens of Haiti and their families everywhere, especially here in the City of East Orange.

The East Orange School District has many students and staff members of Haitian origin and we are deeply saddened by the loss suffered. While our thoughts are with the people of Haiti, our district is working swiftly and aggressively to parlay our concern into impactful action and support. We are aware of what a difficult time this is and are committed to ensuring that our students, staff and their families receive assistance in this crucial time of need.

Drawing on the strength of our district's diversity, community and educational resources, all district schools will be prepared to talk with students in large and/or small groups about this travesty. Information on natural disasters as well as crisis management and emergency response will also be discussed as needed. In addition, we have dispatched the district's Mental Health Emergency Response Team to several schools to provide immediate crisis intervention counseling. The team will remain on call for the duration of the school year as a support to those students and families impacted by this tragedy.

In an effort to be proactive, the East Orange School District Department of Educational Support Services & Parent Relations will sponsor a district-wide parent meeting for those interested in and affected by the recent disaster in Haiti. This event will take place on **Wednesday, January 20, 2010** at the **East Orange Campus "9" High School** between the hours of **6pm-9pm**. Campus 9 is located at 129 Renshaw Avenue. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office of Educational Support Services & Parent Relations at (973) 266-5652.

Sincerely,



Dr. Clarence C. Hoover,  
Superintendent of Schools