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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We write today to inform you that Commissioner of Education David Hespe has denied Hatikvah International Academy Charter School's most recent expansion request. We thank each and every community member who supported the district in our effort to oppose the expansion. We also want to thank the other districts that adopted resolutions, and took steps to inform their communities of the potential impact of the proposed expansion.

As we breathe a collective sigh of relief, we remain focused on the district's appeal of Commissioner Hespe's 2015 approval of Hatikvah's expansion request to add grades 6-8. We will continue to keep the community informed of the district's progress in our continued efforts to protect the educational options available to the over 1,600 students whose parents choose to attend our public schools.

There is still a lot of work to be done, and we thank you for your support of the Highland Park Public School District, and for the opportunity to serve your children.

Best regards,

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