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A Message of Thanks From the Board of Education September 20, 2018

On July 18, 2018 hundreds of residents of the River Trails Condominium Complex lost their homes when a catastrophic fire broke out. Included among the residents impacted by that tragic fire were dozens of children attending Frost Elementary and Holmes Middle Schools in CCSD 21.

Out of the tragedy of the fire came an amazing display of community kindness and support. Municipalities, community agencies, and individuals came together to support those affected. Donations of time, clothing, supplies, and dollars flowed into the community in an hour of great need.

For the dozens of CCSD 21 students and families left homeless after this tragic event, the support from community was critical in returning to stable living environments and ensuring readiness to return to school.

From rehousing to medical and mental health support, and from donations of school supplies to ensuring the basic needs of living were met, the community came together and got it done.

The Board of Education therefore extends its deep appreciation and admiration to all of the municipalities, community agencies, residents, faculty, and staff who stepped forward to provide comfort and support to those impacted by the River Trails Condominium Complex Fire. The collective action and support in the days and weeks after the fire eased an unimaginable burden and supported our students and their families in their recovery.

With Sincere Gratitude,

The Board of Education of CCSD 21

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