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Dear Community Members,

I am writing to provide **factual information about Midland School #1**. Becoming aware of information circulating across the Township of Rochelle Park that states “Midland School Is Underperforming”, and upon review with the Board of Education Attorney, this **false information** must be addressed.

The New Jersey Department of Education is the sole authority responsible for providing a school with a determination of being underperforming. New Jersey schools are defined through three primary accountability systems, each with a unique set of indicators and/or requirements: ESSA, QSAC, and School Performance Reports. **Midland School #1 successfully meets these measures. Credible and factual information about these accountability systems and Midland School may be found at:**

ESSA - Every Student Succeeds Act, School Accountability: <https://www.nj.gov/education/ESSA/>

QSAC - Quality Single Accountability Continuum: <https://www.nj.gov/education/qsac/>

School Performance Report: <https://rc.doe.state.nj.us/>

Rochelle Park School District Testing Reports: <https://www.rochellepark.org/Page/1883>

An “underperforming school” may only be designated as such by the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) as a “focus school” or a “priority school”. “Focus school” is for when students in that school to whom a State assessment was administered are not meeting expectations in language arts and mathematics exceeds 40% in each of the prior two school years. “Priority school” is the same as “Focus” except that the sum of students not meeting expectations in language arts or mathematics exceeds 65% in each of the prior two school years. **None of these performance descriptions applies to Midland School.**

The New Jersey Department of Education maintains a list of Priority and Focus Schools (i.e. “Underperforming Schools”) and it is available at the link below. Here you will note that **Midland School #1 is NOT an underperforming school:** <https://www.nj.gov/education/doedata/prfschools/>

The faculty/staff and students of Midland School #1 are sincerely invested in their performance, and their efforts are commendable, as noted by the Spring 2022 New Jersey Student Learning Assessment results (<https://www.rochellepark.org/Page/1883>) and the many, varied, and countless ways in which their love, care, and commitment shine through. We remain thankful to those who support the children’s education, the teachers, and our school community.

With Midland Pride,

Dr. Sue DeNobile
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