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Danny Marcketta  
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Dear Danny,

As the year comes to a close, I want to take the opportunity to congratulate the Montclair Education Association (MEA) on another stellar cycle for Restorative Justice Montclair (RJM).

I saw first-hand on my visit to Montclair in March 2020 that RJM is not just a program but a catalyst for systemic change. Since its start as one of NEA's most dynamic grants out of our Community Advocacy and Partnership Engagement (CAPE) department, RJM has been a lighthouse within the Association for the transformative power of restorative justice. From improving school climate and culture, to bridging the gap between classrooms and the community, and fueling collaboration that puts labor and management on the same team, it's been exciting to know RJM's impact extends beyond the grant's core goal of dismantling the school-to-prison pipeline in Montclair Public Schools (MPS).

RJM *is* racial and social justice in action. It's a win-win strategy that demonstrates the value of the Union to members, the district, and the community. As such, NEA stands in support of RJM and hopes to see it continue to grow across MPS and into other communities.

We look forward to what's to come!

Thanks for all you do to help MPS be a beacon for the safe and just schools—and Montclair, our students deserve.

Sincerely,

**Rebecca "Becky" Pringle**

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