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Mr. Sel Buyuksarac
Chief of Public Affairs and Government
River City Science Academy
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Dear River City Science Academy Students and Staff,

Please accept my sincere congratulations on the tremendous growth and number of accomplishments that the River City Science Academy has experienced over the past ten years. It is hard to imagine that you only opened your doors in the Fall of 2006 as a Charter School serving only sixth and seventh graders. Now, you have expanded from that one location to four and serve more than 2500 students in grades K to 12. River City Science Academy has become a strong educational force in our community.

By keeping RCSA's focus on STEM – science, technology, engineering and math – you have not only afforded your students a first-class education but you have prepared them for workforce and higher education opportunities that will value their skills. Your rigorous academic program and after-school activities ensure that RCSA's students will grow in confidence as their skills increase and will be able to pursue achievements outside school.

Congratulations on becoming Duval County's first High Performing Charter School and earning an A grade from the Florida Department of Education. Also, I understand that RCSA has consistently earned Science Olympiad State and Regional honors.

I hope your ten-year anniversary celebration is joyous and the beginning of a long and solid presence in our Jacksonville education community. Thank you to the entire River City Science Academy Family for your work in education and in becoming a pillar of our community.

Sincerely,

JOHN H. RUTHERFORD
Member of Congress