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Dear District School Board:

I am a student at Riverside Jr/Sr High School who is looking forward to graduating early. I have thought for a very long time about the route I will take after high school; and have decided I will pursue my dream of becoming an electrician. Throughout High School, I have always taken things seriously and would put my studies first before anything else. This has really helped me and the hard work I have done has definitely paid off. Since my Freshman year, I have taken many college and honors classes, and have never earned less than a C in any class which has earned me a cumulative 3.35 GPA. Now that I am in my Junior year, I have taken more college classes than any other year and have passed them all with A's, thanks to the support of all my teachers and family.

To be honest, I was not expecting to graduate this year. All of this changed about a week ago when my counselor, Mrs. Rosen, went to BMCC to have a meeting with the diesel instructor. The plan was to finish all my senior classes and all the senior requirements for me to attend BMCC next year full time and the high school would cover the cost of tuition. When we met with the diesel instructor, we were informed that the program might change and I would not be able to enroll until the following year after. This change really made me think about a different career choice. Luckily I had a backup plan: I was able to decide easily that I would go with the electrician route. When I informed Mrs. Rosen, I was told if I was to choose that career pathway I would have to graduate this year since there would be nothing for them to pay for and instead would be paying me.

In the summer after high school, I am planning to work at an internship at BMCC. In fall term, I will apply to BMCC to try to get into their Electrician Apprenticeship Technologies (SAAS). Once I complete my Electrician Apprenticeship Technologies (SAAS) I would like to move to Portland for some time to apply and try to get into IBEW Local 48 for better opportunities. After some time working toward becoming a journeyman, I would like to advance my education to become a master electrician. While on this journey, I am not worried about housing, food and any other expense because I have the support of my parents who are willing to make any sacrifice to help me have a better future. Not to mention, I have significant savings from the last few years to cover any other expense that come up while I am working toward a better future.

Sincerely,  
Alejandro Madrigal