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Dear Stakeholders:

As you may know, BCSD board member, Tom Scanlon, was elected to City Council in the November election and will take office in January. New York State Education Law prohibits a board member of a small city school district from holding any city office other than police officer or firefighter. Therefore, Tom has submitted his resignation from the Board of Education. The Board accepted his resignation at the December 20, 2016 meeting.

At that meeting, the Board voted to appoint John Weaver to fill the vacancy. (John ran for the board in the last election and finished fourth.) The two highest vote receivers were elected to the Board, and the third place finisher, Joe Gasior, was appointed to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Sabrina Moldt. The Board felt that it was important to maintain a full seven member board. Both Joe Gasior's and John Weaver's appointments are until the next election (May 16, 2017).

At that next election, there will be three positions to be filled (one that expires naturally on June 30, 2017 and the two appointed positions which expire May 16, 2017). The candidate with the most votes will receive a five year term beginning July 1, 2017. The candidate with the second highest votes will receive the position (vacated by Mrs. Moldt) which expires June 30, 2020; and the candidate in third place will receive the position (vacated by Mr. Scanlon) which expires June 30, 2019. The successful candidates who receive the unexpired terms will take office immediately after the election in May.

I know that this is somewhat confusing, but be assured that all of the Board members are fully committed to faithfully serving the Binghamton City School District to the best of our abilities. We will maintain a full board throughout the transition period and look forward to working with each of you.

Sincerely,

David Hawley, *President*
Board of Education

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