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June 5, 2020

Dear Albion CSD Community:

I hope this letter finds you well and taking care. The last few months have been extremely challenging for all of us. As the academic year draws to a close, we are excited for our graduating seniors. Although the end of year activities are going to look different this year, we are planning to give our students the best send off we can.

The Board of Education would also like to provide an important update on its search for a new Superintendent, along with a letter from Mr. Bonnewell to the community. As Mr. Bonnewell announced in March 2020, he intends to retire at the end of the 2020-2021 school year, having planned to serve as the District's Teacher Evaluator in the 2020-2021 school year after the appointment of a new Superintendent. At a meeting June 4, Mr. Bonnewell and the Board agreed to modify that timetable somewhat. Likely before school resumes in September, the Board intends to appoint an Interim Superintendent who will serve while the Board continues its search for Mr. Bonnewell's permanent replacement. When the Interim Superintendent is installed, Mr. Bonnewell will transition into the Teacher Evaluator role, and will serve in that position until his retirement. In that role, he will conduct and prepare faculty evaluations, and develop an infrastructure for the evaluation process the District can use as a model going forward.

Please know this decision was made collectively between Mr. Bonnewell and the Board, and was done with the best interest of the District and its students in mind. The Board commends Mr. Bonnewell for his service and dedication to the District, and his commitment to and love of our students. We are very pleased he will continue to serve the District in a new role until his retirement. His contributions to the District have been and will be longlasting.

In closing, on behalf of the Board, I want to wish you all the very best. Please take care, and know the community and, most importantly, our students are always on our minds.

Sincerely,

Kathy Harling
Board of Education President



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Dear Albion Central Community:

As I shared in March, the Board of Education and I then reached an agreement that I would retire from the District on June 30, 2021 and that, after the appointment of a new Superintendent of Schools, in the 2020-2021 school year I would serve as Teacher Evaluator while supporting the new Superintendent in his or her transition to the District. On June 1, the Board asked for some revisions to that agreement that were agreed to by both the Board and myself on June 4, 2020.

As a result of the June 4 agreement, on the Board's appointment of an Interim or Permanent Superintendent I will step into the role of Independent Evaluator of Teachers. There will be a natural inclination for people to judge, question, and challenge this. Some will even be inclined to choose sides. Please don't. There is only one side that matters. We all need to be on the side of and beside my, our 1825 students and the hundreds more to follow. It is time as the Albion Central School District Community, the ACSD family, that we come together with one focus—that focus needs to be and to do the very best we can do for our students. I will commit my full energy and my complete love to the service of our students as I always have through June 2021 and will do so beyond that if the Board chooses to exercise their option to ask me to continue further.

Our students need and deserve nothing less. Not because of COVID, not because of the current social and financial and other troubles in our country and world, not for any reason other than they have always needed and deserved our singular focus—doing all that we can together, for their growth and well-being. They needed that yesterday, they need it today, tomorrow, next week, next year, and forever.

I ask that each member of the Albion Central Community join me in giving our Purple Eagles nothing less.

Sincerely,



Michael S. Bonnewell