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PORT JERVIS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Enclosure No. 3

**TO:** All Board Members  
**FROM:** Kristen M. Lopez, District Clerk  
**DATE:** September 14, 2017  
**Re:** Area 9 Director Vote

In your August 15 Board Packet I included the attached letters from the two candidates running for NYSSBA Area 9 Director.

On this Agenda (September 19), the Board will need to cast a vote for one of the candidates for Area 9 Director.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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June 27, 2017

Dear Fellow OCSBA Members,

I know many of you, some for a long time, and I want to tell you of my intent to seek the vacant seat of Area 9 Director of the New York State School Boards Association. After serving my School District for several years, with continuing attendance and participation at NYSSBA events, and my down-deep dedication to public education, I am seeking to extend my board service to the state level by joining the NYSSBA Board of Directors.

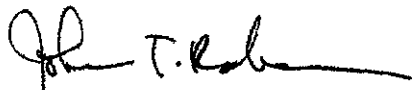
In the Florida Union Free School District, I have been on the Board of Education since 2000, now serving my sixth term. I have served as both President and Vice President of the Board, have twice achieved Board Mastery designations from the New York State School Boards Association, served for three years as President of the Orange County School Boards Association, and have received the Mid-Hudson School Study Council Excellence Award for School Board service.

I hold a Bachelor's Degree in Fine Arts/ Drama from The Colorado College where I also taught part-time before moving to New York. I have broad experience in the performing and communications arts from theatre, dance and opera to film and video production. I am the President of the Union Square Group, a creative services firm, designing and producing promotional and award presentations and one-of-a-kind events for corporate clients across the country.

As a business owner, I know and work with the challenges and requirements of budgets, paperwork, cash flow, deadlines, and human resources. I also serve as a Director and First Vice President of the Warwick Valley Chamber of Commerce, where I also received the Volunteer of the Year Award for 2015.

NYSSBA has been a valuable resource to me through my years of Board service and I want to continue by giving back as Area 9 Director in support of this effort I am asking your board to nominate me for this position by the attached sample letter on your district letterhead and sending it to the NYSSBA office in Albany. In advance, I thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve you and Area 9.

Sincerely,



John T Redman

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August 2, 2017

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**PORT JERVIS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SUPERINTENDENTS OFFICE**

RE: Area 9 NYSSBA Election

Dear Board Members,

I am seeking the position of Area 9 Director of NYSSBA and would greatly appreciate receiving your vote. NYSSBA will be e-mailing and electronic ballot to your school district by August 10<sup>th</sup> returnable to them by no later than 5 pm on October 10<sup>th</sup>.

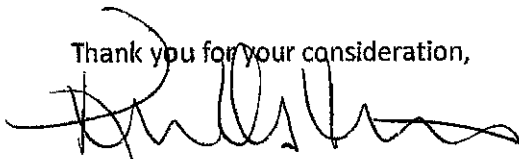
I have been a School Board member for 23 years, including service as the Ellenville Central School District Vice President (twelve years) and President (two years). Presently, I serve on the Ulster County BOCES Board. I have received the NYSSBA award for Board Mastery (250 points) and have served on many advisory committees, sub committees and on the Ulster County School Board Association. I believe that my years of experience demonstrate that I will bring a lot of working experience to the Board Seat and a common-sense approach.

My husband Howard and I have lived in the Ellenville area all our lives and worked in our family excavating business for many years. We are proud to have raised three daughters, who were educated in the Ellenville School District and live and work locally with their own families. Though our companies, we hold union contracts for our laborers and operators and employ approximately 60 people on multiple job sites throughout five counties.

I believe deeply in the mission and efforts of the NYSSBA. I think the education opportunities offered by the organization can be an integral part of an effective school board and working conditions of any school. The information and guidance given out by NYSSBA is a valuable asset to any school board and their advocacy is essential in today's political climate. I think I can carry on the good work demonstrated by the NYSSBA. I am accessible and am a hard-working individual who can represent our area well.

I look forward to receiving your vote and service on behalf of your school district and all the Area 9 School Boards.

Thank you for your consideration,



Karen Osterhoudt