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Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to express my intent to run for the position of Herricks Teachers' Association Vice President for Elementary Schools and as a delegate to the NYSUT representative assembly and AFT convention. After spending ten years getting to know so many of you and hearing your concerns as a building representative and three years serving as your Vice President for the Elementary schools, I believe that I can continue to serve your needs in a productive and supportive manner. As we continue to work in difficult conditions due to the pandemic, my pride in you grows. We have come together to support and care for our students and each other. Our classrooms are still safe, engaging environments and students are thriving. As we, hopefully, begin to find some normalcy, I promise I will continue to fight for you and your needs in every way possible.

I have been a part of the Herricks school district for over 20 years and faced many of the changes we have seen over the years. I have always remained supportive of the union while balancing the needs of the teachers working in the schools. I have always fought for what was best for the teachers and entire staff. Within the next school year, we will begin negotiations for a new contract. I worked hard to settle the last contract and believe I am the best person to help get the benefits we deserve. In addition, I have attended NYSUT meetings, trainings, and conventions to receive the most current information I can help us be successful. Now more than ever we need to work together and be strong. I am confident I can help guide us through the challenging times ahead. I have the experience, the knowledge, and the desire to fight for you and alongside you.

Overall, I feel privileged to collaborate with such amazing people. I have learned the importance of welcoming ideas and working hard to bring people together. I am confident that I can represent you as the HTA Vice President for Elementary Schools, as well as a delegate to the NYSUT Representative Assembly and AFT Conventions.

Should I be lucky enough to be re-elected to serve with our dedicated executive leadership, you have my word that I will work tirelessly to represent your voice in all union matters.

Sincerely,

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