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Dear Port Washington Schools Community:

As most of you probably know, our Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Kathleen Mooney, has indicated to the Board of Education she will be stepping down at the conclusion of the current school year. Dr. Mooney has been with our district since 2000, and over that time, has been an invaluable member of the Port Washington Schools' educational team. Dr. Mooney's leadership and guidance as our Superintendent of Schools since 2012 has helped create an extraordinary academic atmosphere throughout our school district. Under Dr. Mooney's educational stewardship, we have been able to build upon our strong foundation of excellence, and continue to rank as one of the highest performing school districts in the region. Dr. Mooney has always been an active supporter of our HSA groups, educational foundation, and other community groups that play such an important role in the district's achievements.

While we will miss Dr. Mooney's quiet, yet strong vision and leadership, we wish her the very best for her future adventures and endeavors. In preparation for Dr. Mooney's departure at the end of June 2019, the Board of Education has begun a superintendent search process. A Request for Proposal to hire a recruitment firm was issued last week, with responses being accepted through Friday, January 4, 2019. The Board intends to make a final selection and engage a search firm by mid-January to begin the recruitment process. The Board's goal is to have the selection of the new superintendent finalized by mid to late spring, with an official start date of July 1, 2019. This timeline will provide for a smooth transition between Dr. Mooney and the new superintendent. As the Board of Education conducts its search, we will work to find candidates that have the experience and skill set to build on the successes of Dr. Mooney's tenure, as well as provide new vision and direction that will help ensure our students continue to receive the resources they need to excel both in the classroom and beyond.

We want to wish everyone in the Port Washington community a healthy, prosperous and joyful new year.

Sincerely,



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