Dear NBEA Membership,

As I finish out the final hours of my term on the School Committee, I wanted to send along my personal thanks for all your hard work over the last eight years. I'm very proud of all that New Bedford Public Schools has accomplished in this time. I'm honored to have played some small part in it, but the truth is that this progress and the strengths of our schools have very little to do with the elected School Committee members and everything to do with the educators across our district. In my view, there are few jobs harder than teaching in an urban district these days, and the work must undoubtedly be a calling for those that love it and excel nonetheless. New Bedford kids deserve the best, and they're fortunate to have a group of educators so dedicated to delivering it each and every day. I have always believed that supporting our staff is one of the best ways to support the students in their care, and hope I lived up to that most of the time. I know that Melissa Costa, Ross Grace, and my other colleagues on the School Committee will continue the same approach and I extend my congratulations and well wishes to them.

If I can ever be of service, please don't hesitate to reach out!

Thanks for everything,

Josh

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