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Dear Benton Harbor Community,

On behalf of the Board of Education, we have collaborated with the Michigan Departments of Education and Treasury to enter into a new partnership that names <u>Dr. Robert Herrera</u> as Superintendent and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Benton Harbor Area Schools (BHAS). This agreement is a bold step to foster a unique partnership that helps us as a community move forward to build the future our children and community rightfully deserve.

As your school board, we will take on the important role of continuing to serve as the collective voice for the community and focus our efforts as an advisory board to the new superintendent and CEO. Our focus has always been about doing the right thing for the children, and this agreement is a hopeful step in the right direction for our students and district.

The Board of Education would like to thank our partners and all other supporters who join us in our collective commitment to educating the children of Benton Harbor now and into the future.

Sincerely,

Marletta Seats, President Board of Education Benton Harbor Area Schools