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Ms. Sherry McNamara  
1901 Sweet Home Rd  
Amherst, NY 14228

Dear Ms. McNamara:

For more than 20 years, I have proudly served as your representative on the Erie I BOCES Board of Education. I have come to you now asking your support for another term. Certainly, many things have changed since I came on the board, and I am proud of the ways EIB has responded. The technology and educational needs of our students and our districts is ever evolving. Financial challenges cause districts to constantly reevaluate ways to best meet their needs within their financial constraints. District testing for accountability and other recordkeeping needs have grown exponentially. EIB works to assist districts in a variety of ways.

Curriculum offering has expanded and adapted to meet the challenges of preparing students for 21<sup>st</sup> Century employment and higher education. Opportunities for our students range from Animal Science to New Visions expansions to Educational Pathways through Buffalo State University. Our staff has worked hard to put together a partnership with UB/MD in our Connections Program. One of the most recent additions is the Esports Management and Game Development, housed at Calspan.

We continue to adapt our Special Education and Adaptive Education to meet the needs of the students from our component districts. The commitment to lifelong learning and service to the community is seen in our expanded Workforce Development Program. In addition, we offer many opportunities for training for our teachers and other staff members.

WNYRIC, the regional information center housed at Erie I BOCES provides valuable technology services, cyber security, and broadband access to over 100 districts and BOCES throughout the state. In addition, we provide Administrative Services and Operations for Policy Services, and Central Business offers planning, payroll, and treasurer services.

I am very proud of my tenure on the board. I currently serve as the board's Vice-President and faithfully attended nearly every meeting. As a small business owner, I have a flexible schedule that allows me to attend conferences, lobby for education needs, and be present at awards programs and presentations, helping me understand the day-to-day challenges and accomplishments, and be a leader in looking toward our future. I would be honored and grateful to receive your nomination and vote to continue my service to Erie I BOCES, our students and our district.

Thank you.



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