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September 23, 2026

Ms. Charlene M. Russell-Tucker
Commissioner of Education
Connecticut State Department of Education

Re: New Hartford Board of Education (Appointment of Interim Superintendent)

Dear Ms. Russell-Tucker,

Our current Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Jeffrey Sousa, will be resigning from the district to take another position. At a Special Board meeting held on September 22, 2026, the New Hartford Board of Education voted to appoint Dr. JeanAnn Paddyfote as the Interim Superintendent of Schools, effective September 24, 2026, and continuing through March 4, 2027, or such earlier time as a new Superintendent of Schools commences employment, whichever occurs first, subject to your approval in accordance with Section 10-157 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

It is my understanding that Dr. Paddyfote is fully certified as a Superintendent of Schools in Connecticut. On behalf of the Board, I am requesting your approval of the Board's appointment of Dr. Paddyfote as Interim Superintendent of Schools. Thank you for your attention to this matter, and please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any further information.

Sincerely,

Timothy Klepps
Chairperson
New Hartford Board of Education

cc: JeanAnn Paddyfote, Ph.D