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Dear Willoughby-Eastlake Community,

I want to personally thank every community member who took the time to ask questions, learn more, and vote on Issue 8. This is a critical moment for our district, and I appreciate the thought and care that went into this conversation.

With Issue 8's failure, we face important decisions about the future of Willoughby-Eastlake City Schools. We are committed to communicating clearly and supporting our students as we navigate the future together.

Our next step will be fueled by a thoughtful, data-informed approach. As part of this process, we will engage an independent third party to conduct a comprehensive review of our financial, operational, and facilities needs. This review will include examining enrollment, staffing, building use, and other opportunities to operate more efficiently. We will share the findings with the community and seek your feedback as we develop recommendations for the Board of Education.

Throughout this process, our students will remain at the center of our decisions. Willoughby-Eastlake's Shared Vision will continue to guide us as we create meaningful experiences for students, build strong relationships, support student growth, and prepare every student for the future. We are committed to transparency, open communication, and making responsible decisions with the resources available to us.

We live in an amazing community. Our future is bright, and together we will create an incredible next chapter for our students. Looking forward, we choose hope and optimism.

Thank you for placing your trust in Willoughby-Eastlake City Schools and for the many ways you support our students and staff.

Sincerely,

Patrick Ward
Superintendent
Willoughby-Eastlake City Schools

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