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December 20, 2016

Dear Members of the Chester-Upland Staff and Community,

I am writing to you today to confirm what you may have already heard. Our superintendent, Mr. Gregory Shannon, has decided to conclude his service here as superintendent. Mr. Shannon gave me a letter of resignation earlier this week and he will finish his work here on Thursday December 22, 2016. I thank Mr. Shannon for the time and energy that he has given to the school district and the community.

Mr. Shannon began his work here in 2013 during a period of great fiscal challenges and rapidly declining enrollment. Under his leadership, school enrollment has stabilized and over the past two years enrollment has started to grow. Mr. Shannon deserves credit for recruiting students and reaching out to and actively engaging with families in our community.

Immediately, Dr. Christopher McGinley and I will provide leadership as we begin the search for an acting superintendent. We intend to secure the services of a recently retired superintendent who will lead us through the end of the school year.

In January, I will send a letter detailing the process for finding a new permanent superintendent for the district. I take this responsibility very seriously and I will be working with the School Board President, Mr. Anthony Johnson, along with other members of the elected school board, on the details of the process. I have also asked Dr. McGinley, the Interim Chief Recovery Officer to continue in his role and assist with this process. Dr. McGinley has experience conducting superintendent searches and lead searches in Penn Delco and Wallingford Swarthmore school districts when he was the Executive Director of DCIU.

Your input in the process is important to me. I want to hear from faculty, staff, students and parents as we move forward. After the holiday, I will be opening a survey on the website to gather information and I will be sending out a letter inviting you to come and meet with me to discuss the needs of the school district and the characteristics that we should seek in a future superintendent. If you cannot wait to share your thoughts I invite you to email me at Receiver@chesteruplandsd.org.

The Child WE Raise Will Lead the Village

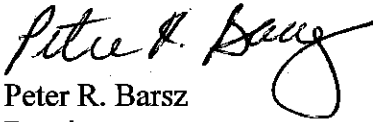
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I thank you for your hard work and your dedication to the children and the school district. I hope that you and your family have a wonderful holiday season and a great 2017.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter R. Barsz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Peter R. Barsz

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