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Dear Resident,

As many of you are already aware, the possibility of combining Arkport and Canaseraga School Districts has been the subject of past discussion, debate and public votes in the two communities. In an economic climate marked by increasing education costs, decreasing state aid and a property tax levy cap that limits how much local revenue can be raised – not to mention fluctuating student enrollment – the subject is a natural and inevitable one.

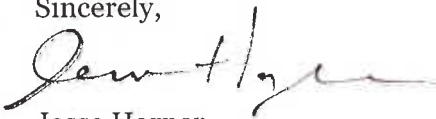
After residents cast their ballots in last year's budget vote in May 2016, both Arkport and Canaseraga districts asked their residents in surveys if they would support a study of the pros and cons of reorganizing the two districts. Both communities expressed overwhelming support: 77 percent in Arkport and 82 percent in Canaseraga. Buoyed by that response, Canaseraga Superintendent Chad Groff and Mr. Harper began discussions this year about beginning that process.

There is much to consider before undertaking such a reorganization: Will it save taxpayers money? Will it expand academic and extracurricular opportunities? What does each district stand to gain or lose? How much additional state aid would be generated? What are the many steps involved?

To begin tackling these and other questions, we will hold a joint public information/question-answer session at **7:30 p.m. March 9** in the Canaseraga small gymnasium. We encourage everyone – with or without questions – to please attend as we embark on this important process together.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact Mr. Groff if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



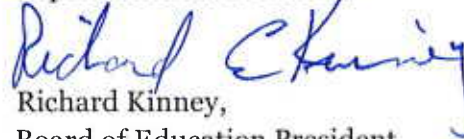
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