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## **Mechanicville Board Intends to Appoint Superintendent**

Mechanicville, May 23, 2019 – The Mechanicville City School District Board of Education is pleased to announce its intent to appoint Mr. Bruce Potter as Superintendent of Schools at a special Board of Education meeting on May 24, 2019. Mr. Potter is currently the Superintendent of Schools at the Berkshire Union Free School District in Canaan.

Board President Marlene Tierney said, “The Board of Education would like to thank the community for their support and input via survey responses to our Superintendent search. We used your feedback as a guide and know we selected a leader that will make our community proud. We would also like to thank the Washington, Saratoga, Warren, Hamilton, Essex (WSWHE) BOCES staff for their professionalism, patience, and invaluable assistance during the search process.

The Board is offering Potter a 3 year agreement with an initial salary of \$180,000. He is expected to begin his duties on July 15, 2019.

“The board is excited to have Bruce Potter as the Superintendent of the Mechanicville City School District. Bruce is a proven leader with the experience and vision necessary to continue and advance academic excellence in our district. In addition to his qualifications, his enthusiasm and “continuous improvement” mindset is a perfect fit for Mechanicville. In a field of talented applicants, Bruce stood out as the best choice for our district and community. Please join us in welcoming him to Mechanicville City Schools”, said Tierney

Mr. Potter has been with the Berkshire Union Free School District for the past 15 years. He began his career in education in 1994 as a Business Teacher at the Ballston Spa Central School District. During his tenure there he also served as a CTE Instructional Teacher Leader and Dean of Students. In 2002 Potter was hired as the Assistant Principal at Stillwater’s Middle-High School until he was promoted to Principal. He held that position until 2004. Mr. Potter’s career with the Berkshire Union Free School District began as the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction. He served as the district’s Assistant Superintendent for Business for 2 years before his appointment as Superintendent in 2011.

“I feel as though the breadth of experiences I have gained during my career have prepared me very well as I join the Mechanicville school community. In particular my experience with curriculum, instruction, finance, and professional development will benefit me greatly as I join a hardworking and committed team of professionals.”

Potter earned an Associate of Science in Business Administration from Adirondack Community College. His Bachelor of Science degree in Business Education is from the State University College at Oneonta. In May 2000 he graduated Cum Laude with his Master's in Education: Educational Leadership from Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts in North Adams Massachusetts. He holds the following certifications: NYS Permanent School District Administrator and NYS Permanent Business Education.

Potter said, "This is truly the opportunity of a lifetime for me, to become a Red Raider. I'm so excited to meet the amazing students, dedicated faculty and staff, as well as the committed and supportive community."

WSWHE BOCES District Superintendent James Dexter, who coordinated the search on behalf of the district, said: "The Mechanicville Board of Education conducted a thorough and rigorous process. I would like to thank all of the members of the community who participated in the Superintendent Search Community Survey that guided the Board in identifying the characteristics and traits for the next superintendent. The Board kept the best interests of the students in mind throughout the process and found the candidate who best fits their ideals and district's needs. The Board put considerable time and effort into the search process and I would like to commend them for a fine job and great outcome. "

Potter will replace Interim Superintendent Dr. Jon Hunter. He enjoys working out and watching his two sons compete in athletics.

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