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Mayor Thomas M. Menino
One City Hall Square
Boston, MA 02201

Dear Mayor Thomas M. Menino,

I have been honored to serve on the Boston School Committee for the past three and a half years, and I want to thank you for appointing me to that role. I have always admired your deep commitment to ensuring an excellent education for every Boston child and it has been a pleasure to help move that commitment forward.

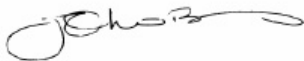
Boston's comprehensive education reform agenda has enabled the School Committee to support transformation of our low-performing schools, wiser budgeting, a more efficient transportation system while ensuring equitable access to quality for students regardless of their home address. Together, we've moved the system to be more responsive to families and to use data better in informing decisions. I am proud of the work we have done together. As a true Education Mayor, you have overseen the transformation of our system into a higher performing urban district.

Continuing that work is of paramount importance to me. For that reason, I am seriously considering running for Mayor.

Consequently, I have decided to resign from the Boston School Committee. The School Committee's work should not be political, and the integrity of the work of the Committee will be threatened if political interest is perceived to influence decisions in any way.

Therefore, I respectfully request that you accept both my thanks for the opportunity to serve Boston in this capacity, and my resignation from the School Committee today.

With respect and gratitude,



John Barros

cc: Michael O'Neill, Chair, Boston School Committee
Dr. Carol Johnson, Superintendent of Boston Public Schools