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Dear Beck Middle School Community,

During the past four months, I have spoken with parents, with staff members, and with students about their experience with Mr. O'Connor since his arrival at Beck on October 2, 2017. Those conversations have given me a great deal to consider about the Beck educational community and what is best for the children, the families, and the staff. On January 23, 2018 I will ask the Board of Education to act upon my recommendation to appoint Mr. Bernie O'Connor as the Principal of Henry C. Beck Middle School, effective January 24, 2018.

I have learned firsthand, that since Mr. O'Connor began at Beck as the interim principal on October 2, 2017, folks have found him to be a "talented administrator," "an effective communicator," and "a true teacher at heart." In my direct conversations with Mr. O'Connor he has shared his joy and his enthusiasm for being a part of the Beck community.

Mr. O'Connor was a very successful high school history and economics teacher at High School West before serving the district as an assistant principal at High School East for the past nine years. Mr. O'Connor has been successful in each of his roles in our district and I am confident that he will continue to bring effective leadership, delivered in a positive and child centered manner, to the Beck educational community.

I hope you will join me in wishing Mr. O'Connor continued success at Beck Middle School.

Regards,

Joseph N. Meloche, Ed.D.
Superintendent