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Dear Board Colleagues,

On April 18, boards of education will convene to consider approval of the BOCES Administrative Budget as well as to fill 3 BOCES board member seats for 3 year terms. I am asking for your consideration in supporting my candidacy to serve another term. I bring to the position a range of board experiences. I have had the distinct honor of serving as a Broome-Tioga Board member for the past 27 years (1995 to present), 17 years as President. Additionally, I previously served on the Susquehanna Valley Board for 18 years (1985-2003), 15 years as President. I have been, throughout my board service, a member of the Broome-Tioga School Boards Association including serving terms as President and Vice President. In January, 2015, I was elected as the Area 4 Director of the New York State School Board Association's Board of Directors. I represent 69 districts in central New York on that board. I recently was elected 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of the NYSSBA Board of Directors in line to become President of the Association in January 2024.

Reflecting over the past 37 years that I have been a board member, I can say without exception the past 2 plus years have been the most challenging. The issues we face today could not have been imagined previously. In addition to the divisions within our country and communities on a multitude of issues, the pandemic which we hoped would be in our rear-view mirrors continues to affect every part of our lives. Our children have been the victims of changes in how they are taught, what their school experience resembles, and their social emotional wellbeing has been challenged every day. If re-elected as a Broome-Tioga BOCES board member, I pledge to each of you to work continuously to serve the needs of all students not only as your local representative but also in my state role.

I ask for your consideration in nominating me on or before March 17. All districts except for Binghamton, Owego-Apalachin, Vestal and Windsor are eligible to nominate. They are not eligible to nominate as they already have a representative on our board currently. After the nomination process, the election for the BOCES board members will be held on April 18 and all boards are eligible to vote.

If you have any questions or concerns you would like to discuss with me, please do not hesitate to contact me at [Sruffo14@gmail.com](mailto:Sruffo14@gmail.com) or 222-4167. If re-elected, I pledge to continue to devote my time, energy and experience to performing my duties to the best of my ability. I thank you first for the time and energy you have committed to your board service and secondly for considering my candidacy.

Sincerely,



Sandra H. Ruffo

Cc: Mr. Jeffrey Ahearn, Superintendent of Schools