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Blanchester Local School District Stakeholders:

On behalf of the Blanchester School Board and staff, I would like to express our appreciation to the voters of our district. Thank you to those who voted in the election and to those who were a part of this process — from staff, students, administration, Board and community members — thank you for your involvement. We truly view you, our community, as our partners in education, and it takes all of us working together to support our students. Although these aren't the results we had hoped for, our community members are a critical part of our District and we respect your decision.

We acknowledge that there is continued work to be done in earning and keeping your trust. As a District, we're hopeful in finding a long-term solution that our community can support. At the end of the day, our needs aren't going away and must be addressed in the future. Over the past year, we have made a concerted and intentional effort to listen, learn, and grow, and have targeted some specific areas that will demonstrate the improvement that is happening in our district.

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard in getting our message out and those who supported the issue at the ballot box. We value your continued engagement with us as we work together to create an academic environment in which students thrive, both educationally and personally. We had a lot of hope that our issue would pass, but understand that the last year has been difficult on everyone for a number of reasons. We will keep working diligently to provide a safe and healthy environment for all of our students, as that has been and will always be our top priority.

We are proud of our schools and all of the dedicated people who work so hard in providing a quality education for our students. Every employee of this great district works hard every day, focused on teaching and learning. We will continue to work with residents and the community on how we can better serve them and earn their support when we return to the ballot.

We don't take for granted the trust that our community places in us. as we oversee the work of the Blanchester Local School District. As a Board, administrative team, educators, and support personnel, we also consider ourselves to be learners. Our desire is to model the work that we expect of our students and staff as we collaborate with each other and with stakeholders in our district. As stated before, our needs are not going to go away and we will need to return to the ballot in November. We welcome community assistance with a plan to get this issue passed for the future of our number one priority, our students.

Respectfully, Randy Dunlap, Superintendent Blanchester Local Schools