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Dear Parents and Community Members:

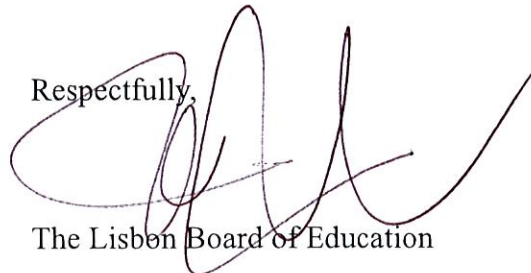
As many of you are aware, the Lisbon Board of Education (the "Board") recently employed Christopher Sheldon as Principal for the Lisbon Public Schools for the 2022-2023 school year. We write this letter to address some of the concerns regarding this hire that have been voiced by our parents and community members through public comment at board meetings, and via email and written letters directed to Board members. While we have heard and appreciate these concerns, we hope this letter reassures our parents that Mr. Sheldon will be an excellent addition to the District and an asset to our educational community.

The Board strongly believes that Mr. Sheldon's well-rounded qualifications and experiences make him the right person to serve as Principal for our District. Mr. Sheldon began his career about thirty years ago as a math teacher, eventually becoming chair of his school's math department. After teaching for nearly twenty years, he served as assistant principal, and later principal, at the middle school level. He comes to the District with seven years of experience as an administrator. Mr. Sheldon has contributed to the schools where he has worked in meaningful ways, including serving as chairperson of the NEASC Steering Committee, and as a member of a professional development team, academic achievement committee and wellness committee. Throughout his career, Mr. Sheldon has participated in various trainings, been published and received several awards, including Teacher of the Year. The letters received by the Board in support of Mr. Sheldon's hire highlight his dedication, passion for leadership, personal integrity and professionalism.

Some parents have expressed concern over a prior arrest that occurred over 20 years ago. Mr. Sheldon was charged with and pled not guilty to disorderly conduct in connection with that arrest. The charge was dismissed without any findings or conviction and was subsequently expunged. On advice of legal counsel, the Board sought Mr. Sheldon's approval before disclosing such highly personal and confidential information.

The Board is steadfast in its support of the hiring of Mr. Sheldon, and is looking forward to him joining the Lisbon community on July 1st. We trust that our parents and community members will support Mr. Sheldon as he steps into this new role.

Respectfully,



The Lisbon Board of Education

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