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Dear New Albany Parents and Learning Community,

Thank you for your support! We are grateful for your investment in the future of our students and their education. This levy was a big ask of our community and we did our very best to make the case for this needed support.

Even with Issue 3 passing, we remain a school district at a crossroads and your response of support ensures that we are able to continue the progress to achieve the vision of our schools for the future. We are incredibly thankful that you value education as an essential component of a strong community and we saw that commitment in action today.

Immediately, we will begin the process to engage our staff and community to begin working on our next steps to help us determine additional cost savings, appeals to the state for additional support and identify ways that we can provide even greater transparency to our community on district finances. With our new building scheduled to open in January and this support of the community, we can now proceed forward in a cost effective manner as we plan for the future of not only the 1-8 facility, but the entire campus. We will continue our financial work to contain operating costs as we move forward to achieve the district's vision for the future.

We value your support and do not take this trust lightly. Again, we know this was a difficult decision for many of our families. We will take care to manage both the Permanent Improvement and Operating dollars with fiscal prudence, accountability and transparency.

We again thank our volunteers for the countless number of hours dedicated to this effort. We specifically wish to thank and acknowledge New Albany for Kids, led by Mark Wilson and Tracy Hohman. Our neighborhood captains and all of our campaign volunteers. We also thank our school board members, teachers, administrators and staff, parents, community members, students and donors who made this effort possible.

With sincere gratitude,

April Domine, Superintendent

Mark Ryan, Board President

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Dear New Albany Parents and Learning Community,

We would like to share our sincere thanks with the thousands of supporters who voted and the hundred plus volunteers who worked tirelessly for this issue. As we have been saying for several months now, this was a big ask of our community. We know it was a difficult decision.

The next weeks and months will be a time of difficult decisions but we are committed to continuing to engage you in the dialogue and the work to plan for the future. We will still be facing a significant deficit in coming years. We will continue to add students while implementing the board-approved reduction plan resulting in less staff, increased class size and major shifts that will impact 1000's of our students. The reductions will impact busing, extracurricular activities, athletics and eventually classroom size and services. As we face these decisions, we will not shrink from our focus on our students or our mission and vision for them.

We will convene a community group to invite people to join us as we determine the next steps for the district. While our intent is not to focus on what we won't have, the potential cuts to our programming and services will severely impact our ability to provide a world-class education to our students.

No matter what we may face, our guiding force will be to keep the needs of our students and the mission and vision of our district at the forefront. We encourage our community to remain engaged and informed. We will provide needed updates as this dialogue continues.

Today, our district stands at a crossroads. We respect our community's decision and will continue to serve you with wholehearted commitment. With your ongoing partnership, we will engage the community in honest dialogue about the education you wish to provide for the children of New Albany.

In service to the students of New Albany,

April Domine, Superintendent

Mark Ryan, Board President