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Dear Members of the Aldermanic Affairs Committee,

Matt Wilcox serves as Vice President of the Board of Education. He chairs both the Finance and Operations and Head Start committees of the board. He serves as Vice Chair of the Food Service Task Group and the Citywide School Building committee.

In each of these roles, Mr. Wilcox performs a large volume of work on behalf of the board. For Finance and Operations alone, he may review dozens of pending transactions, in detail, each week, and he simultaneously maintains broad oversight of a budget in the hundreds of millions of dollars. He performs this work with absolute integrity, with careful attention to the processes of good governance, and with an earnest determination to safeguard the interests of all members of the school's community, particularly our students.

Mr. Wilcox is a colleague in the best sense. He never shies away from difficult topics, but rather addresses them head on. In moments of conflict, he acts in good faith, assuming the best intentions of all parties. He continuously adheres to the highest standards of civility and comportment. He inspires all of us to work at our best, and he supports us in service to the board.

I heartily endorse Mr. Wilcox as a candidate for reappointment to the New Haven Board of Education. I know he will continue to earn our respect and admiration in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Yesenia Rivera

President, NHPS Board of Education