PART I: BOARD EXPERIENCE

I have been involved with the Seneca Falls Board of Education for more than 15 years, and have been a member of the Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES Board of Education for the past 6 years. I first became active when asked to be a Parent, Community, & Small Business Representative to the 2004-05 Seneca Falls – Waterloo Merger Study, where I facilitated town hall meetings exploring a potential district merger. I was asked to assist the Board of Education by participating on a Community Finance Advisory Committee from 2006-08. I was elected to the SF Board of Education in 2008. I served as Vice President of the Board from 2009-12, and was elected President in 2012 and have continued in that position each year since. I take a proactively supportive role in helping our district's administrative team manage large-scale projects and planning. Major projects during my tenure have included multiple merger studies, capital projects, and hiring an incoming superintendent. During my tenure on the SF Board of Education, I have attended regional training sessions on leadership and budget oversight. I have worked to expand the SF Board's role in advocacy and collaboration through NYSSBA, 4 Counties School Board Association, and the Rural Schools Association. In addition, I strive to build school and community connections and resource-sharing among all stake-holders in public education, with the ultimate goal of providing students with the educational experiences and opportunities that will enable them to attain the skills and aptitudes necessary for success throughout their lives. In my role as WFL BOCES Board Member, I chair the Policy Review and Audit Committees, am treasurer of the Educational Foundation Advisory committee, and sit on the Evaluation and Safety Committees. I also serve as BOCES liaison to three local school districts. My WFL BOCES colleagues and I recently hired a district superintendent, and continually advocate to NYS legislators in Albany about educational mandates, district salary caps, and other initiatives important to BOCES member districts.

PART II: INTEREST IN BOCES BOARD SEAT

I would like to continue my work in expanding the essential role of facilitating collaboration and communication among all stake-holders in education as a member of the WFL BOCES board. BOCES assists local school districts in maximizing academic programs and specialized support services necessary to enable all students opportunities to attain current skills and develop skills they will need in the future. In addition, BOCES extends academic program offerings by providing vocational education opportunities, highly specialized instructional programs for special needs students, and a crosswalk for school-to-work opportunities. BOCES also provides collaborative educational leadership, professional development, and cooperative infrastructure services, to assist in maximizing efficiencies and effectiveness at all levels of education.

My experience, supportive leadership style, and communication skills fit with the Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES mission. I believe my record as a BOE Member at the local and regional levels and my passion for supporting and strengthening our education system would continue to be beneficial to the Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES Board of Education. As a father of five, with experience in the farming, transportation, finance, and service industries, large and small business management, self-employment, advocacy, mediation, and community service, I would like to further extend my support of public education at the regional level.

PART III: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Professional Development, Regional Experience, and Recognition

2017	NYSSBA School Board U: Board Lifetime Achievement
2015	Presentation assistance at NYSSBA Annual Convention and Rural Schools Association Annual Convention
2014-15	NYSSBA Board Advocacy Award Recipient with Seneca Falls BOE
2013-Present	Rural Schools Association
2012-Present	Board Officers Academy (also 2010) NYSSBA Annual Convention & Educational Expo Four Counties School Boards Association
2010-Present	NYSSBA Webinars
2009-Present	Statewide School Finance Consortium
2008	Fiscal Oversight-Governance Workshop
1998-Present	Center for Dispute Settlement – Certified Mediator