

# TONAWANDA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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**SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

March 15, 2023

Dear Warrior Parent/Guardian:

Last evening, the Board of Education adopted the instructional calendar for 2023-2024. Please note:

- The instructional calendar for 2023-2024 can be found by [clicking here](#).
- The first day of student attendance will be Wednesday, September 6 as we proudly open the new Tonawanda Elementary School for all students in grades UPK-5.

Additionally, the Board of Education voted to accept an offer from Child and Family Services to purchase Mullen School for \$850,000. This building will operate as a Stanley G. Falk School within the Child and Family Services program. The planned Stanley G. Falk program scheduled to operate in Mullen School will serve the needs of elementary students. Please find information about this program on our website by [clicking here](#).

When selling school buildings and property, school boards have a fiduciary responsibility to obtain the best price possible for any lawful use of the premises. It is in the best interest of the district to move forward with the wonderful opportunity for our district and community. Child and Family Services operates numerous school-based locations and does so with high standards and care for their neighboring communities.

Our district has the opportunity to sell this building, which will allow us to pay off the remaining debt owed from previous capital projects and account for associated/closing fees. The remaining proceeds from this sale, approximately \$200,000, will be legally required to be directed into our debt service reserve account to be used to offset debt payments for capital improvement in the district. We expect needed improvements and repairs at the MS/HS building in the future. Additionally, this offer will allow the Stanley G. Falk School to begin their programming in September 2023 and our district to avoid paying the substantial monthly costs to maintain and carry the building, sometimes for many years.

While there were multiple offers for Mullen School, no offer provided a better benefit to the district and our community. While some people may have preferred a prospective buyer and future use of the property, this offer clearly stood apart from the others. We did NOT receive any offers from homebuilders to immediately purchase the property, demolish the building, and construct numerous homes/living structures on the property. In fact, none of the previously owned schools that have been sold over the years in Tonawanda have been

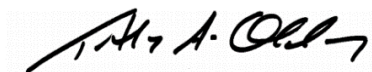
demolished for new homes. Instead, they have been refurbished and repurposed for various uses in our city.

My commitment, along with the Board of Education, is to continue to make the best decisions possible for our district and Tonawanda community. The decisions we make now have lasting financial and operational implications on our district in the future. The next step in the sale of Mullen School will be to realize a successful public referendum on this matter on May 16 at the annual budget vote. The sale of Mullen School will appear on the ballot along with our annual budget.

We continue to market and promote Riverview School to interested parties.

I wish each of you a great spring season as we enter into the final months of the school year. Go Warriors!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy A. Oldenburg", written over a light gray rectangular background.

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Superintendent of Schools