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Dear Fellow OCSBA Members,

I know many of you, some for a long time, and I want to tell you of my intent to seek the vacant seat of Area 9 Director of the New York State School Boards Association. After serving my School District for several years, with continuing attendance and participation at NYSSBA events, and my down-deep dedication to public education, I am seeking to extend my board service to the state level by joining the NYSSBA Board of Directors.

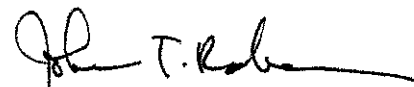
In the Florida Union Free School District, I have been on the Board of Education since 2000, now serving my sixth term. I have served as both President and Vice President of the Board, have twice achieved Board Mastery designations from the New York State School Boards Association, served for three years as President of the Orange County School Boards Association, and have received the Mid-Hudson School Study Council Excellence Award for School Board service.

I hold a Bachelor's Degree in Fine Arts/ Drama from The Colorado College where I also taught part-time before moving to New York. I have broad experience in the performing and communications arts from theatre, dance and opera to film and video production. I am the President of the Union Square Group, a creative services firm, designing and producing promotional and award presentations and one-of-a-kind events for corporate clients across the country.

As a business owner, I know and work with the challenges and requirements of budgets, paperwork, cash flow, deadlines, and human resources. I also serve as a Director and First Vice President of the Warwick Valley Chamber of Commerce, where I also received the Volunteer of the Year Award for 2015.

NYSSBA has been a valuable resource to me through my years of Board service and I want to continue by giving back as Area 9 Director. In support of this effort I am asking your board to nominate me for this position by the attached sample letter on your district letterhead and sending it to the NYSSBA office in Albany. In advance, I thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve you and Area 9.

Sincerely,



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