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Dear Parents and Residents of the Garden City Community,

After an extensive search process and a review of several excellent candidates, the Board of Education of Garden City Public Schools is proud to announce that it has selected Dr. Alan Groveman to serve as Interim Superintendent of Schools beginning on August 1, 2017. Dr. Groveman's appointment was unanimously approved at a special board meeting held last evening. The Board wants to assure the community – our parents, students, staff, and residents – that selecting the best and most experienced leader to maintain our outstanding educational program and financial security during this transition period was its highest priority. Dr. Groveman fully understands the role of Interim Superintendent and the challenges the position entails. He will begin his work in Garden City in July and assume the Interim position on August 1st.

Dr. Groveman began his career in 1971 and has accrued a lifetime of experience in the field of public education. Before retiring in 2013, Dr. Groveman served as Superintendent of the Connetquot Central School District in Suffolk County for 10 years. Prior to that, he was Assistant Superintendent for Administration and Personnel and Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance in the Levittown School District, as well as Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction in Plainview-Old Bethpage Public Schools. Dr. Groveman teaches Business and Finance at the graduate level for St. John's University, and has consulted with schools and government agencies in areas such as strategic planning, capital projects, special education, and school safety. Since retiring from Connetquot in 2013, Dr. Groveman has served as Interim Assistant Superintendent in the Valley Stream, Sachem, and Lindenhurst School Districts.

Dr. Groveman holds a B.A. in Psychology/Math from the City University of New York, received a Masters degree in School Psychology from the University of Rhode Island, and earned his Masters in Education and Doctorate in Education Administration from Columbia University Teachers College. He is a former President and Honorary Life Member of the Suffolk County School Superintendents Association. In addition to his distinguished career in education, Dr. Groveman has also served with the Commack Fire/Rescue departments and is a board member of the Suffolk County Fire Academy.

“For over 40 years, I have served the education community in various capacities from classroom to district office, as an advocate with our legislators, and as a member and leader within multiple professional organizations,” shared Dr. Groveman. “It is my intent to work with all segments of the Garden City community to continue and enhance the high quality of the programs and services provided to the students and their families. I look forward to working with each and all of you over the next year to make this happen.”

The Board would also like to take this opportunity to keep you apprised of our plans regarding the search process for a permanent Superintendent. A Request for Proposals for an executive search consultant to assist the Board in its search for a permanent Superintendent of Schools will be mailed to a select group of firms this month. The Board plans to interview and hire a search consultant this summer, and begin the search process for a permanent Superintendent in September. Additional information will continue to be provided as the process unfolds. A special page has been added to the district website under the maroon sidebar “Board News” to keep everyone apprised of our progress.

Finally, the Board would like to acknowledge the many initiatives Dr. Feirsen brought to the district in his 12 years as Superintendent. His leadership, knowledge, and dedication will be greatly missed. Dr. Feirsen leaves behind a legacy of excellence; his vision and commitment to the children and families of Garden City has left us forever changed for the better. We invite all staff members to join with us in celebrating Dr. Feirsen’s retirement, and that of an additional 30 dedicated employees, along with recognizing those who have achieved milestones of employment – 20, 25, 30, and 35 years serving Garden City Public Schools - on June 13th, 6:30 p.m. at Garden City High School.

We hope you will join us in wishing all the best to Dr. Feirsen at the June 13th Retiree Reception. Please also join us in extending a warm, Garden City welcome to our new Interim Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Alan Groveman.

Sincerely,

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