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BISD POISED TO RETURN TO ELECTED BOARD

With the Board of Managers announcement to resign once a new Board of Trustees is elected in May 2017, it appears the community can begin an important consensus building process. I am urging Commissioner Morath not to appoint replacement managers and to allow the newly elected board to take office once the votes are canvassed. To my understanding, the reason the phase-in provisions were adopted was to ensure continuity in transition between a newly elected board and those governing at the time. Further, should some of the elected board in place at the time the Board of Managers were appointed still have remaining time on their term, the phase in would prevent those previous Trustees from rolling back onto the board. A roll-back is not possible now because the terms of all previously elected Trustees have now expired. Therefore, appointing new Managers at the same time new Trustees are elected and prepared to take office does not provide continuity, only disruption.

Though I don't speak for the Board of Managers and the Commissioner does not answer to me, it appears that the Board of Managers, who know and understand their charge, are in the best position to determine if what they planned to accomplish will be completed by the May 2017 elections. My request is that the Commissioner honor the Board of Managers' judgment and allow the patrons of BISD to once again determine their governance.

Despite actions by the Board of Managers and many patrons' desire that BISD return to an elected board, it still appears that unless this community can pull together and work in unison toward electing trustees who are committed to following the rules of governance and working together to improve students outcomes and the quality of education and fiscal responsibility, TEA will continue to assert its authority over the district. Hence, the future of the district and local control is truly in the community's hands.

I do however ask that TEA continue to make resources available to the Board of Managers, organizations, and patrons seeking a better understanding of the duties powers and responsibilities of Board membership. I know there are many individuals desiring to unify this community and capable of being great Trustees. I hope they step forth and offer their service. BISD then will be a great school district again and this community can be unified. In the next ten months let's show TEA, the State of Texas, and most importantly, our students that we have what it takes.

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