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STATEMENT FROM TOWN SUPERVISOR PHIL BARRETT

“The voters of the Shenendehowa School District will participate in a referendum vote on April 4th, which will either reaffirm or invalidate the vote of the School Board, to accept a proposal resulting from the most recent RFP process conducted by the School District. People have strong feelings about the upcoming vote on both sides of the issue. Many people have worked hard through a grass roots effort, to force the referendum vote and the process will soon come to a conclusion. It is vital that any and all forces within this process that are attempting to divide the Towns within the Shen School District, to further their desired result, be minimized now and after the results are counted.

The Town of Clifton Park has invested a substantial amount of money to expand and improve our parks and recreational system. Since 2000, we have creatively, frugally and carefully established several new parks and nature preserves, greatly expanded our trail system and invested funds to improve recreational facilities. In recent years, we have invested almost \$2,000,000 alone in Clifton Common. We have been able to accomplish these important initiatives, while significantly reducing our Highway Tax and maintaining a comfortable surplus fund we have worked very hard to grow. Clifton Park is in an enviable position to respond to any eventuality or opportunity that may occur.

The Town has worked cooperatively with our neighbors in recent years, to share services and execute joint efforts on major projects. These partnerships have enabled Clifton Park and our partner municipalities to secure significant grant funding, while expanding and delivering services at a reduced cost. We currently have additional recreational and highway improvement projects in the pipeline, following this same successful formula.

We do not have a residency requirement to use the large and diverse parks and recreational facilities across the entire 50 square miles of our Town. As a result, significant numbers of people who are not Clifton Park residents, participate in sports leagues based in Clifton Park. It is my opinion, that the subject of the referendum should be decided on its merits and individual opinions of the voters; not on the idea that one municipality is positioned to gain an advantage over another.

Let your voice be heard on April 4th!”

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