## **Dear members of the Brockport Central School District community,**



Mike Andriatch

Serving as a member of Brockport's Board of Education has been one of the most valuable experiences of my life, both personally and professionally. We are fortunate in Brockport to have an amazing team of teachers, aides,

counselors, psychologists, coaches, bus drivers, safety, security, grounds, maintenance, food service, technology, nurses and support staff, led by a first-rate administrative team, doing incredible work to advance our programs.

These reasons made it difficult to decide to not seek a second consecutive term as a trustee on the Brockport Board of Education when my current term expires on June 30, 2014. Time commitments associated with my current position as Assistant Vice President for Leadership & Planned Giving at The College at Brockport, relative to our \$25 million Comprehensive Campaign, make it challenging for me to appropriately dedicate the time and commitment needed for board service.

I did not make this decision lightly. The only factor that made my decision easier was knowing that the District is in the best shape it has been in since I joined the Board of Education on July 1, 2009. Under the excellent direction and leadership of Superintendent Dr. Lesli Myers and her team, the District is functioning at a high-level of success with a strategic plan in place that is driving all key decisions. One of my proudest accomplishments was that I was a part of the team that hired Dr. Myers. I will complete my term feeling very confident in both the future of the Board and the District.

I want to publically thank all of my fellow trustees, past and present, for creating a functional, progressive and passionate platform for our Board of Education, and to the staff for the fantastic work that they do every day. Further, I would be remiss if I didn't thank my wife (Katie) and three children (Michaela, Emma and Noah) for their encouragement and patience over these past five years. It is not easy being the wife or child of a school board member, but they have supported everything I have done, and put up with many nights and weekend days when I was not around.

I will always be an advocate for Brockport Central Schools by continuing to support key initiatives that positively impact our community and provide quality educational experiences for our nearly 4,000 students, including partnerships between the College and Brockport Central; research and investigation of an all-purpose outdoor sports surface for our athletic teams; and the establishment of an educational foundation.

I am looking forward to serving our District during the last quarter of the school year, as well as congratulating and shaking the hands of the BHS Class of 2014 on June 28 in the Special Events Recreation Center at the College.

Thank you for the opportunity to represent our community over these past five years!

Yours in education,

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Mike Andriatch President, Brockport Board of Education

## **Brockport's Best**

During the February 25 Board of Education meeting, members applauded the great fall sports season in addition to the following athletes for achieving excellence in their sport: Isabella Ekeze - All State 4<sup>th</sup> team and Monroe County 1<sup>st</sup> team for soccer; Catherine Schultheis - All Greater Rochester, Monroe County 1<sup>st</sup> team and swimmer of the Year; Courtney Hunt - All State athlete, 2<sup>nd</sup> team, Monroe county 1<sup>st</sup> team and Player of the Year for soccer; Autumn Albrecht - All Greater Rochester and Monroe County 1<sup>st</sup> team for Cross Country; and Damon Beaver - All Greater Rochester and All State 2<sup>nd</sup> team as well as Monroe County 1<sup>st</sup> team for football.

During the March 18 Board of Education meeting, the Buildings and Grounds and Security staff were honored not only for their work all year to ensure the safety and wellbeing of students, staff and community members, but especially throughout the challenging winter.

During the April 1 meeting, Helen Hemmer, a District volunteer was honored for her service and dedication to Brockport Central Schools. Ms. Hemmer was a dedicated social studies teacher here for 12 years before retiring in 1984. After retiring, she worked as a substitute teacher and most recently a volunteer because she wanted to continue working with students. She began working with high school students to help them prepare for their social studies regents exams in January.

