December 4, 2015

Dear Horseheads Central School District Residents:

Today is a new day in the Horseheads Central District. The results of the December 3 non-binding straw vote asking all residents if the Elmira Heights and Horseheads school districts should merge into one new district were clear: by larger than a 4-to-1 margin, Horseheads voters said that the districts should remain separate. As a result of this straw poll, all merger discussions with Elmira Heights have concluded.

We would like to thank everyone who participated in this process, who sought out and shared information, and who voted on December 3. Our community’s clear message is that we remain the Horseheads Central School District Blue Raiders. This vote also signifies that we, as a district and school community, continue to move forward to make sure we provide the best education for our children, quality facilities, and a strong financial future. Now, we must turn our focus to the future and work together to make Raider Nation even better than it already is, considering the financial challenges we have faced and may still be facing, depending on our state leadership.

Through the straw vote on December 3, you also made it clear that our community is very proud of the Horseheads Central School District, and that you wish to keep our school community and its identity sacred. I look forward to working together with our entire school community to develop a plan for the future of our district, and then bring it to fruition.

Therefore, our work begins now. I encourage you to continue to seek information and share your thoughts and concerns as we plot our course together, because together, we will strengthen our Raider Nation identity and the educational excellence for which the Horseheads Central School District is known.

Again, thank you for participating in this important process. If you have questions or comments, please feel free to contact us at hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com or 739-5601, x4201, or attend any of our Conversations with the Superintendent. The dates are listed on the school calendar and on our website at www.horseheadsdistrict.com.

Sincerely,

Dr. Thomas J. Douglas
Superintendent of Schools

“Quality Education for All”
The Mission of the Horseheads Central School Community is to provide a quality education for all within a nurturing environment which promotes excellence, growth, and a sense of civic responsibility.