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**THE PLAINFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
WELCOMES THREE MEMBERS AT ITS REORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 5, 2021, 6:00 PM**

The meeting will be held virtually due to the pandemic. Participants may join via a link on the District's website

Plainfield, NJ – December 27, 2020 – Plainfield Public Schools' Board of Education will welcome three members at its reorganization meeting January 5, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. Action is expected to be taken at the meeting. The meeting will be held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the public may participate via the link that will be posted on the District's website at www.plainfieldnj.k12.nj.us.

Additionally, last December 15, the BOE meetings are being translated simultaneously to Spanish. The District welcomes the Spanish-speaking community to the meetings and invites them to join monthly. The BOE Meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of every month.

The members to be sworn-in will serve two-year terms. They are Mr. Eric Andrews, previously a BOE member who was appointed to serve an unexpired term from 2018 to 2019 and Ms. Jacqui Workman and Ms. Josely Castro, who will be serving their first terms.

Mr. Andrews is currently vice principal of Barringer High School in the City of Newark where he has worked for the Newark School District since 2011. He was born and raised in Plainfield and graduated from Plainfield High School in 1999. Mr. Andrews is a graduate of Rutgers University with degrees in Economics and Africana Studies. He received his master's in Educational Leadership, Management, and Policy from Seton Hall University in 2019.

Ms. Jacqui Workman currently works for the Communications Department for the City of Plainfield and is the president of a 501(c) 3 not-for-profit organization, The Barbados-American Charitable Organization of NJ, Inc. (BACONJ). Ms. Workman was born in Barbados and moved to the United States with her mother Ms. O'Keitha Nurse. She lives in Plainfield with her husband Troy and her dog Blue.

Ms. Josely Castro, a veteran of the U.S. Navy who served in the Iraq War, is currently a software engineer at a large consulting firm. She volunteers with the League of Women Voters, education advocacy groups, Women Who Code, and Wounded Warriors. She earned a B.S. in marketing from Rutgers Business School and an M.S. in digital media management from the New School in 2015. Ms. Castro is a graduate of Plainfield

High School. She lives in Plainfield with her dog Bruno. Her parents Flavio and Carmen Castro also live in Plainfield with her older brother, Flavio and younger sister, Connie.

Currently BOE meetings are held virtually because of the Governor's Executive Order 173 limiting gatherings because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The meetings and the link to join are announced on the District's website, social media outlets and the local press.

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