



# NEW HOPE-SOLEBURY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Mission Statement

The New Hope-Solebury School District takes pride in its commitment to excellence. We strive to inspire and empower our students to become passionate, confident, life-long learners, with the skills and strength of character to contribute to a diverse and ever-changing world.

March 20, 2012

Chairperson, PSBA Nominating Committee  
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To Whom It May Concern:

It is our pleasure to submit this letter of support for Mark B. Miller to be presented as a candidate for the office of PSBA First Vice President on the October ballot. As President of the Board of School Directors and Superintendent of Schools in the New Hope-Solebury School District located in New Hope, PA, we have known Mark for his leadership endeavors here in Bucks County and across the state.


At the county level, Mark is a School Board Director in the Centennial School District located in Warminster, PA which is one of the three other school districts in addition to ours that sends students to the Middle Bucks Institute of Technology (MBIT). He has served a significant tenure on the MBIT Executive Council where he still maintains alternate status in support of his colleagues from Centennial who currently serve on the Executive Council. At the state level, Mark serves as the Co-Chair of the Keystone State Education Association where he has reached out to both of us and included us in the database of officials from across the state to ensure we receive important and timely information. In addition, he serves in the office of PSBA Second Vice President where he has also reached out to both of us to provide assistance and important information through a variety of venues including the annual PSBA/PASA Conference.

On a closer and more personal note, our school district suffered damage and disruption at the beginning of the school year due to the storms that resulted in flooding from the Delaware River. While we dealt with a few school closing days, people in our marvelous community were unfortunately displaced from their homes and businesses. Our school district and our community worked together to support each other through the damage and recovery.

During that difficult period of time, our Homecoming football game was scheduled to be on our campus. Due to the damage on the field and the situation in our community, we simply could not field a home game. Therefore, we reached out to Mark and the Superintendent of Schools in Centennial who coordinated their School Board's approval to permit us to utilize their new football stadium, free of charge, for our Homecoming football game. To provide you with another lens on Mark's leadership, he personally attended the game to ensure everything was in place to meet our needs. We will always appreciate and remember Mark's gracious outreach to our school district during that genuine time of need.

In summary, we support Mark B. Miller to be presented as a candidate for the office of PSBA First Vice President and it is our hope that he will be slated for that position on the October ballot.

Sincerely,  
  
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