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September 8, 2026

Dear Town Manager Schwapp,

On behalf of the Bloomfield Board of Education, I am writing to formally notify the Town that the Global Experience Magnet School (GEMS) building located at 44 Griffin Road South in Bloomfield is no longer needed for educational purposes. Effective at the close of business on Friday, September 18, 2026, all of the district's furnishings and equipment will be removed from the building and campus. To support a smooth transition, I am requesting a formal walkthrough of the property during the week of September 21st. As discussed in our meeting on July 29, 2026, the Bloomfield Board of Education will pay the utilities for this building through June 30, 2027, or until the building is sold, leased or repurposed by the Town. In this same meeting, it was agreed that the Town would accept responsibility for all emergency calls, such as security alerts and facility-based concerns.

As the Town is aware, the Bloomfield Board of Education voted on June 12, 2025, to close the Global Experience Magnet School (GEMS) at the conclusion of the 2025-2026 school year. This decision came after an extensive feasibility study that involved analyzing enrollment trends, staffing and financial projections, facility needs and student performance. During the spring 2026 Town Council budget deliberations, the Board of Education learned for the first time that moving out of the GEMS building and relocating our Alternative Learning Center could have a positive financial impact for the taxpayers of Bloomfield. This was the impetus to shift our yearlong restructuring plans and ensure the GEMS building was emptied and returned to the Town as soon as possible. Acknowledging the profound impact that schools have on a community, we formally bid GEMS farewell in a community gathering held on June 3, 2026.

Thank you for your continued partnership. Please contact me directly if there are any questions or additional information needed to complete the GEMS building transfer. We look forward to learning how this building will be of future benefit to the Town of Bloomfield.

Sincerely,

Tracy A. Youngberg, Ed.D.
Superintendent