

## GREATER NEW BEDFORD REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

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Ms. Linda Morad New Bedford City Council 133 William Street New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Ms. Morad:

I wish to thank you for the opportunity to recently appear before each of you to discuss the social issues at Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School that have been the subject of much attention over this past school year.

As we discussed, I believe GNBVT has made significant strides in reviewing and revising our school policies to make our school community more sensitive and tolerant to issues of diversity and inclusion. We also recognize that while we have a long way to go, by working together as a community we will improve the high school experience for all of our students.

I am particularly grateful for the well-thought questions and comments that I received from members of each of your boards. I look forward to providing you an update from time-to-time on our progress and I encourage you to visit our school to experience first-hand the wonderful things that our students are accomplishing at GNBVT.

As always I urge you to contact me directly at 508-998-3321, ext. 283 or at <a href="mailto:jobrien@gnbvt.edu">jobrien@gnbvt.edu</a> if I can answer any questions or provide you with further information about Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School.

Sincerely.

James L. O'Brien

Superintendent-Director

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