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TO: AFT Leadership/Membership

Board Election to be uncontested

Benyola, Cannamela and Jiminez running without opposition

The annual school board and budget election will be held on Tuesday, April 20th. Three candidates have filed petitions seeking election to three 3-year terms. Incumbent David Benyola and runningmates Armand Cannamela and Mayra Jiminez are seeking election to terms running through April, 2007.

Also before voters will be the budget question, predicated on the share of local tax dollars to be committed, combined with state and federal revenues, in comprising the total school budget for 2004-'05. The budget question has been handily approved since the 1999 election, a trend we certainly hope to see continue. Please remember to vote "Yes" before addressing the candidate portion of the ballot.

Dave Benyola has been on the Board for 3.5 years, originally appointed to fill an unexpired term. An AT&T retiree, Dave now serves as the Assistant to the City of Perth Amboy's Business Administrator. During his tenure on the Board, Dave has committee service on Athletics and Co-Curricular, Buildings and Grounds, Technology, and Curriculum. Dave is also Chairman of the Negotiations Committee and represents the Board as an Urban School Boards Delegate. Dave and his wife, Eva, have two sons, John and David.

Armand Cannamela retired in 2003 after many years as a district administrator, completing his service as Principal of the Flynn School. A former City Council President and Planning Board Chairman, Armand currently serves as a Commissioner on the City's Redevelopment Agency and as a State Democratic Committeeman. Armand and his wife, Bernice, have two sons, Paul and Frank.

Mayra Jiminez holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Santo Domingo. She is employed as a Branch Manager and Assistant Vice President of bcp bank. She serves on School # 10's School Management Team and is active in the Chamber of Commerce and the Puerto Rican Association for Human Development. Mayra has two children attending Perth Amboy Public Schools.