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Good Evening Mayor Rump and City Council Members-

I want to start by thanking you for taking the time to visit and tour our High School. There is much to be proud of and we appreciated the chance to share our successes, our challenges, and our goals. A lot of work is taking place in the Blair District and we are proud of our staff and students that make Blair such a great place to work and learn.

Tomorrow night is an important vote. While the growth and development of Blair is a priority, I would encourage you to question whether the use of TIF is necessary. With seven TIF projects already on the books, have we seen growth or an economic impact? Property taxes are a top concern to Nebraska residents. Each year we hear from several as I am sure you do also! Tax payers need the relief now, not the added burden that this could bring. Blair Schools needs the funding now. What is best for Blair? What is best for our tax payers?

You have a tough decision to make tomorrow. Meeting each of you, it is clear that you are dedicated to Blair. Being an elected official is not easy. It is vulnerable, time consuming, and you can never please everyone. No matter tomorrow's vote, it will be respected. I look forward to future conversations and working with you as the City Council to continue to make Blair a great place.

Thank you!
Courtney Tabor