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Good evening Board, Superintendent, and fellow citizens:

I'm here tonight to thank you for supporting our TC Williams Rugby Program. The last time I spoke here was January, 2018, when, again, I requested equitable funding for our Boys' and Girls' teams. Fortunately, we've made progress.

For the first time in our 15-year history, Rugby ordered uniforms purchased by Athletics and had the burden of our player participation fees covered as well. Another first, this courageous Board added funding for one Head and one Assistant Coach each for both our Girls' and our Boys' teams. Plus, we celebrated our heroes this year.

Here's the data: 100% of our Seniors graduated, will attend college in the fall, and plan to play Rugby in college as well--we wish all four of them the best. Further, one of our Seniors signed the first Letter Of Intent ever offered to a current TC Rugby player. Also, our first Captain ever, signed a pro contract, currently is playing in the US, and is the first TC Rugby alum to play Rugby professionally.

See what happens when you support Rugby? But seriously, finally, Rugby is getting lucky; in other words, after 15 long years of preparation, TC Rugby is looking to take advantage of every opportunity we can. And with plans for pro Rugby to kickoff in the DC area within the next two years, we'll work to prepare our players for future opportunities both on and off the pitch. Thank you for your support--you're our hero, too!

Sincerely,

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