

July 20, 2026

Dear Mr. Bowen and Members of the Board of Education,

Please accept this letter as formal notice of my resignation from my position as the High School Principal at New Buffalo Area Schools, effective July 21, 2026.

This decision was not made lightly; however, a unique professional opportunity has recently arisen that aligns perfectly with my long-term career goals and is one I simply cannot pass up.

I deeply appreciate how incredibly welcoming everyone has been during my short time with the district. I recognize the timing of this departure is not ideal and fully acknowledge that my leaving puts the district in a tight spot. Please know that it was never my intention to disrupt the school year, and I am truly sorry for the difficult position this creates for the leadership team and the staff.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to lead the high school and to work alongside such a dedicated administrative team, a talented faculty, and wonderful students. I am grateful for the relationships I've built here, even in a short duration.

To help mitigate the impact of this timing, I am committed to doing everything I can to ensure a smooth transition of my responsibilities over the coming weeks. Please let me know how I can best assist the administration and staff during this period.

I wish New Buffalo Area Schools, the staff, and the incredible student body nothing but the absolute best moving forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Emily Zablocki-Kohler', with a stylized, flowing script.

Emily Zablocki-Kohler