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Subject: Personal Decision
To: Andrew Wise <awise@ccsd66.org>

Dear Dr. Wise and members of the CCSD 66 Board of Education,

I wanted to share a personal decision that has resulted from my experiences over the past year.

After considerable reflection, I have decided to retire two years earlier than I had originally planned. This decision was not made lightly. Throughout my career, I have been deeply committed to serving the students, families, and staff of Center Cass School District, and I had fully intended to continue contributing for two more years.

However, the cumulative effect of the events and circumstances that have transpired over the past year, along with their impact on my professional relationships, sense of trust, and overall well-being in the workplace, has led me to conclude that early retirement is the best path forward. While I am proud of the many years I have dedicated to CCSD, it is disappointing that my career here will end sooner than I had anticipated.

Please know that I am sincerely grateful for the opportunities I have been given throughout my career. The experiences I have had, the colleagues, students and families I have worked with, and the knowledge and skills I have gained, have shaped me both professionally and personally. I will always value these experiences and carry them with me into the next chapter of my life.

I felt it was important for you to understand the significance of this decision and the factors that influenced it.

Please accept this letter as formal notification of my early retirement from my position as a 3rd Grade Teacher at Center Cass School District 66.

Respectfully,

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