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Superintendent

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To Mansfield Families,

The community of Mansfield is fortunate indeed to have such a high degree of support for the education of its children. This is seen not only in the financial support to our schools but also in the commitment to maintain a wealth of school programs to all children and the level of engagement and interest the whole community demonstrates in its schools time and again. The decision to build a new school is one example of what can happen when the community works together to do what is best for its youngest citizens.

It was this support, engagement, and commitment that drew me to Mansfield when I was looking for a district to lead and it is these attributes that have contributed to the continuous development and success our schools have enjoyed. Mansfield has been a wonderful place to work as a school leader and I am proud of all that we have accomplished together.

The time has come, however, for me to step away from this work. This morning I notified the Board of Education of my intentions to retire when this school year is over in June 2022. I am making the announcement now to allow the Board and community the time needed to find a replacement during this most important of transition years. As we plan for the uniting of our three elementary schools into one, it is important that the new leader be identified with time to observe and learn about our community prior to the next school year.

My thirty-eight years in public education brought me to a variety of school districts – some large, some small, some wealthy, and some needier. From each I have learned and grown and I have taken pieces of each with me. I am thrilled that my last stop was Mansfield. It is the place from which I believe I have grown the most and the place that will forever define my work as a school leader. I thank you for your support and look forward to my remaining time with you all.

Sincerely,



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