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Mokena, IL 60448  
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September 25, 2023

Dr. Michael Rolinitis  
Mokena Junior High School  
19815 Kirkstone Way  
Mokena, IL 60448

Dear Mike:

I am writing to formally resign from my position as the Band Director at Mokena School District 159, effective Tuesday, October 10, 2023. This decision was not made lightly, but after careful consideration, I have determined that it is in my best interest to leave.

I am grateful for my years in the Mokena Music Department and for the opportunities I have had to work with talented students, my incredibly supportive principals and mostly, my music department colleagues. I have witnessed the growth and development of our students' musical abilities and have been proud to be a part of their journey. However, recent circumstances have led to this decision.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to have been a part of the Mokena music programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Bussean".

Karen Bussean



## Mokena Junior High School

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### School Administration

Dr. Michael Rolinitis  
Principal

Mr. Luke Munch  
Assistant Principal

### District Administration

Dr. Mark A. Cohen  
Superintendent

Dr. Kristin Johnson  
Asst. Supt. of Instruction

Dr. Teri Shaw  
Chief School Business Official

Ms. Allison Cirone  
Director of Student Services



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August 24, 2023

To Mokena School District:

Please accept my resignation from my position as the Technology & Design Teacher at Mokena Jr. High. My last day will be September 6, 2023.

Thank you for the opportunities over the last 8 years with Mokena School District.

Sincerely,

Hillary Tibble



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Mark Cohen <cohenm@mokena159.org>

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## Resignation

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**Allison Cirone** <cironea@mokena159.org>  
To: Mark Cohen <cohenm@mokena159.org>

Fri, Aug 18, 2023 at 5:27 AM

August 18, 2023

Mokena District 159  
11244 Willowcrest Lane  
Mokena, IL 60448

Dear Dr. Cohen,

After much consideration, I am resigning from my position as the Director of Student Services effective November 15, 2023.

I am eternally grateful for the experience and opportunities that working for Mokena District 159 has provided me. Mokena is a very unique and special community that truly cares about its children. Undeniably, the staff care for children and keep them a priority in everything they do. I wish Mokena and everyone working in District 159 nothing but growth, positivity and love.

Rest assured that during my remaining time in Mokena District 159, I will continue to work diligently to ensure the Student Services Department is functioning well and fulfilling its obligations under state and federal law.

Sincerely,

Allison Cirone Aparicio

**Allison F. Cirone**  
Director of Student Services  
Mokena District 159  
(708) 342-4913



July 24, 2023

To: Mokena School District 159

From: Kimberly Truffa

Dear Mokena School Board and Administration. I respectfully resign from my position as a teacher with the Mokena School District, effective immediately.

I appreciate the time spent with my colleagues and the families of Mokena and wish everyone the best.

Thank you.

Kimberly Truffa

Kimberly Truffa



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Cathy Hite <hitec@mokena159.org>

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## Fwd: Employment

Allison Cirone <cironea@mokena159.org>  
To: Cathy Hite <hitec@mokena159.org>

Thu, Aug 3, 2023 at 10:53 AM

**Allison F. Cirone**  
Director of Student Services  
Mokena District 159  
(708) 342-4913



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From: **Nancy Rodighiero** <rodighiero@mokena159.org>  
Date: Thu, Aug 3, 2023 at 10:50 AM  
Subject: Employment  
To: Allison Cirone <cironea@mokena159.org>  
Cc: Dave McAtee <mcateed@mokena159.org>

Hi Allison,

It is with a very heavy heart that I submit my letter of resignation, effective August 10, 2023. My years at Mokena have been the best in my career as a School Psychologist, working alongside staff and administration who are compassionate and committed to bringing their very best to students and families.

As the sole caretaker for my aging father's medical, financial and daily needs, it has become necessary for me to accept a position closer to home.

Whoever accepts the Psychologist position will be blessed to be on your team, working alongside the wonderful staff at MIS and Dave. I will miss you all very much. I remain willing to assist in psychoeducational evaluations and data preparation for Dave's team meetings following District benchmarking as needed until you secure a new psychologist.

The warmest of regards (and finding it difficult to press 'Send'),  
Nancy

**Nancy Rodighiero, School Psychologist**  
Mokena Intermediate School  
Phone: 708 342-4862

Heather Rossi Your Name  
25225 Shannon Drive  
Manhattan, IL 60442  
July 10, 2023

Dr. Mark Cohen/ Dave McAtee  
Superintendent/ Principal  
Mokena School District/ Mokena Intermediate School  
Mokena, IL 60448

Dear Dr. Mark Cohen/ Dave McAtee:

I am writing to inform you of my decision to resign from my position as Mokena 159 School Social Worker at Mokena Intermediate School. My last day at Mokena School District/ Mokena Intermediate School will be the 2022-2023 physical school term. I would be happy to meet with you at your convenience to discuss the transition of my duties to my successor.

I have accepted a position as a school social worker at Coretta King Magnet School. This is an exciting opportunity for me to continue my work in social work and to earn a higher salary.

I have enjoyed my time at Mokena Intermediate School and with in the Mokena School District 159. I am grateful for the opportunity to have worked with such a dedicated and talented team. I am particularly grateful for the support of my principal Dave McAtee, my colleagues, my mentor, and all the relationships I have formed with students and their families.

I wish Mokena Intermediate School and Mokena District 159 all the best in the future.

Sincerely,

*Heather Rossi LSW*

Heather Rossi LSW

## Formal Letter of Resignation

6.28.23

Dear Dave McAtee,

Please accept this letter as my official resignation from my 4th grade teaching position with Mokena Intermediate School effective immediately before the start of the 2023/2024 school year. After much contemplation, I have made a decision to accept a teaching position that is closer to home for the upcoming school year. I have enjoyed working with the students and am thankful for all of the opportunities that MIS has given me to further myself as an educator. Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,  
Isabella Miller

July 17, 2023

Dr. Mark Cohen  
11244 Willowcrest Lane  
Mokena, IL 60448

Dear Dr. Cohen,

Please accept this letter as my resignation from my 5th grade position at Mokena Intermediate School, effective immediately. I have enjoyed working at Mokena School District 159, but have accepted a job outside of education.

Thank you for all of your support during my time here. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,  
Rebecca Sweeney



Dear Mokena School District,

This letter is to inform you that I am resigning from my position as a Physical Education Teacher at Mokena Jr. High. Over the past fifteen years I have learned so much, not only about teaching, but about life. I am very thankful for all the experiences and friendships I have made. I look forward to using the skills I have built over the time I have been under your leadership in my new position.

Once a Meteor always a Meteor,  
Michael Manns

To Whom it may concern,

At the end of the 2022-2023 school year, I will be resigning from my position as special education teacher.. I have enjoyed my eight years of teaching at Mokena Intermediate School. I wish you all the best.

Mallory Studzinski