

March 3, 2026

Dear Superintendent Iris White, Board Chair Shelby Pons, and Kristin Abraham,

Please accept this letter as formal notice of my intent to retire from my position as Citywide Physical Education Teacher (K–5 SSS), effective June 18, 2026. I remain committed to fully participating in and completing the teacher evaluation process for this school year rather than the retirement feedback questionnaire.

After 25 years of service as a citywide physical education teacher, I reflect with deep gratitude and pride on a career dedicated to students, families, and colleagues. As a proud graduate of Bristol Public Schools, representing this district has been one of the greatest honors of my professional life.

Throughout my years of service, I have been fortunate to contribute in meaningful ways. Some of the accomplishments of which I am most proud include:

- Rising to the challenge of implementing double PE classes for the past 12 years to allow for increased common planning time for classroom teachers, while maintaining best practices in physical education and upholding high expectations for all learners.
- Working within a limited \$1 per pupil annual budget (\$500 per year) by organizing Jump Rope for Heart events and securing various grants to double or exceed the allocated funding provided by BPS.
- Mentoring new teachers and future professionals, including CCSU student methods classes, and supporting their development through collaborative planning and instructional coaching.
- Being honored as Bristol Teacher of the Year (2011) and a Connecticut State Semifinalist.
- Serving on the board and later as Executive Director (2006–2020) of the Connecticut Association for Health and Physical Education, advocating for best practices in physical education at both the state and national levels.
- Participating in district committees focused on curriculum development, school improvement planning, and accreditation.
- Organizing schoolwide initiatives such as fitness and family fun nights, kindness projects, and “Cooking with Class” to strengthen family and community engagement.
- Supporting students beyond academics by advising clubs, coaching athletics, and coordinating extracurricular activities.
- Contributing to a positive school culture rooted in inclusivity, high expectations, and student-centered learning.

I am deeply grateful for the support of my colleagues and administrators throughout my career. I remain committed to ensuring a smooth transition and am happy to assist in any way during this period.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Galske

Lisa Galske SSS Physical Education Teacher



Amy Devine <amydevine@bristol12.org>

Fwd: Retirement from Bristol Public Schools

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Fri, Mar 27, 2026 at 3:08 PM

Allison Wadowski <allisonwadowski@bristol12.org>
To: Amy Devine <amydevine@bristol12.org>

Hi Amy,

I replied to Nick with the link to the Google Form, and he says he notified Joe. Just wanted to put him on your radar!

Allison

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From: **Nicolo Rubbo** <nicolorubbo@bristol12.org>
Date: Fri, Mar 27, 2026 at 1:46 PM
Subject: Retirement from Bristol Public Schools
To: Allison Wadowski <allisonwadowski@bristol12.org>

Good afternoon Ms. Wadowski,

I am writing to inform you that I will be retiring from the Bristol School District as of 06/30/2026. I have also sent an email to Mr. Grabowski. Please let me know what my next steps are moving forward.

Thank you,

Nick Rubbo
Special Education Teacher
(860)584-7735 ext. 611207
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