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Monday, October 14, 2013 Linda O'Dell
Gila County School Superintendent
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Dear Linda;

Thinking back to that day I was to be sworn in as a newly appointed School Board Official for the San Carlos Unified School District #20, to have been sitting in the Scottsdale Hospital lobby, right hand held in the air, repeating the provided passage; this was an everlasting moment.

As time has passed, I have learned so much about issues revolving the school system, the issues at the State of Arizona level, to the level with our nation's Capital. There is so much of a *need* for all Native American Children to have that right and security of an equal education across the board. The need for change is not apparent for those who do not live the lives of our districts' students, yet Congress and Senete holds the ultimate future for the lives of Native Children.

Being a School Board Member, did I ever realize that I was that Politician, an Advocate and in a traditional way of Native values, a mother that carries their children's burdens, a voice that revolutionized change? Yes. I am all of these and more. I also realized that I was not provided an instructional booklet about the reality of how valuable my "time" was; which brings me to my main point.

I, Mary King, have had ongoing trepidation of putting a hold on my family affairs just to meet the obligations of being a School Board Member. My absence from family affairs is not a quality I wish to model for the community, but especially for my own children. I found myself spread thin; wearing too many hats in the community without focus, while all this time my own family was in need of my attention.

Therefore, I am officially resigning from my position as the San Carlos Unified School Board Member to any other individual whom can graciously convene the remaining term as I step down effective Monday, October 14, 2013. I need to reprioritize my goals and what & where I need to be at this present time. Nevertheless, being a current employee under the Tribal Child Protection Service, I will continue to advocate for all Native American Children.

All in all, I hope that you sought through my situation with an understanding toward my final decision. I will continue to be a voice for change as I do have two children attending the San Carlos School District #20. Thank you for this opportunity to grow as a community leader.

Sincerely,

Mary King