



Oak Park Elementary School District 97

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Mr. Robert Spatz
President
Oak Park Elementary District 97 School Board
970 Madison Street
Oak Park, Illinois 60302

Dear President Spatz:

It has been a privilege to serve as the superintendent of District 97 for almost five years. At this time, I believe it is appropriate to acknowledge how much you, and the entire board, have aided me in my efforts to build upon the district's history of excellence, and to recognize the work we have done together to have our schools on track to move from great to world class. I also want to thank you for challenging me to be a leader who never settles when it comes to the success of our students! You have allowed me to make the difficult decisions necessary to bring about essential change, and provided support when such changes were not particularly popular. That is why it is with mixed emotions that I announce my decision to retire at the conclusion of the 2014-15 school year.

Please know that your support, and most of all your commitment to serve the children of this unique district, is deeply appreciated. I will retire with the satisfaction of knowing this board/administrative team has made a difference in the lives of nearly 6000 students, their families and the greater Oak Park community.

Sincerely,

Albert G. Roberts
Superintendent of Schools

Cc: Board of Education