
Retirement

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Dear Administrative Colleagues,

As I sit down to write this, I find myself overwhelmed with gratitude, reflection, and more than a little emotion. After many years of dedication to education and to the incredible students, staff, and families I've had the privilege to serve, the time has come for me to step into retirement. Being the principal of Tobey Elementary spanning three decades has been a great honor. Through it all, I have been blessed to work alongside some of the finest administrators and leaders one could hope for.

As you know, our family continues the battle against cancer, and we have plans to relocate in the fall to be near our grandchildren. This next chapter will allow us to focus on what matters most, family, time together, and supporting one another through life's challenges. While this transition is bittersweet, I know it is the right step for our family at this time.

I want to thank each of you for your support, collaboration, and for the unwavering commitment you bring to this work. The work of school leadership is not for the faint of heart, and yet, we show up every day, ready to serve, to advocate, to uplift, and to do whatever it takes to make a difference in the lives of students. It has been an honor to be part of that mission with all of you.

With appreciation and heartfelt best wishes,
Mike Barwegen