

March 3, 2014

Mr. Steve Sugg  
Superintendent  
Sheridan School District 48J  
435 South Bridge Street  
Sheridan, OR 97378

Dear Mr. Sugg:

I have been teaching at Faulconer-Chapman since the doors opened in our current building. I have learned so much and love my job with all the ups and downs that occur during a day. I am writing to request to go on a year's leave of absence for the upcoming school year. I have been appointed the executor of my grandparents' estate and so far with one grandparent still living, she is 96, it is becoming increasingly difficult to fulfill the insane requirements that have been placed on me. Due to the increasing demands requiring me to be in Eugene a few times a week starting in June, I am worried about being able to give my students my full attention. I don't want my students to suffer because I am being pulled in several directions. My living grandparent isn't doing very well and she may not make it through the summer. If this happens there is a whole other set of crazy demands that will be placed on me by the rest of the extended family. Unfortunately I feel that this will be a huge task that is going to require me to be close to the family in Eugene to make sure all the demands are met. I don't feel that this will allow me to be the teacher that I have been and want to continue to be. Therefore, I am requesting this coming school year off in order to get this crazy mess straightened out and come back the following year completely focused on my students.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Boyce