

Katrine Bender
May 19, 2026

Darrin Strosahl
South Koochiching Rainy River ISD 363

Dear Mr. Strosahl and School Board members,

Please accept this letter as formal notice of my intention to take a leave of absence/early retirement from my position with Northome School, effective August 24, 2026.

This decision was made after careful consideration, and I am providing this advance notice to allow the district ample time to secure the best possible replacement and ensure a smooth transition for students, staff, and the school community.

I am sincerely grateful for the opportunities, professional relationships, and experiences I have had during my time with the district. It has been a privilege to serve our students and contribute to the educational mission of SKRR #363.

Over the coming months, I am committed to assisting in any reasonable way to support the transition process and help maintain continuity within the program.

Thank you for your understanding and support. I appreciate the trust and collaboration I have experienced throughout my tenure with the district.

Sincerely,

Katrine Bender

Within this planned departure, I will continue to receive health care benefits provided by the District through the months of June, July, and August.