

UMATILLA SCHOOL DISTRICT #6R

April 09, 2026

Superintendent's Recommendation

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HIRE

Paula Ibarra - UHS Educational Assistant

Extra Duty/Coach:

Edgar Navarrete - UHS Key Club Advisor

RESIGNATIONS

Taunya Daniel - Special Education Director

Blanca Ramirez - UHS Office Manager

Extra Duty/Coach:

Samantha Erz - UHS Head Volleyball Coach

Corinne Funderburk - UHS Cheer Coach

Retirement:

Wendy Ross

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March 31st 2026

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Subject: Retirement - Wendy Ross

To Tim Young at Columbia Vista Intermediate School and the Umatilla SD

Dear Tim Young

I am writing to inform you that I have decided to retire from teaching at the end of this school year. Please accept this letter as formal notification that I will be retiring from my position as Special Education Teacher at Columbia Vista Intermediate, effective the last day of this year's 2025-26 school contract. It is with mixed emotions and was a difficult decision to leave my teaching position at Umatilla SD. Umatilla is a great district and I am so thankful to have had the last four years to work at this district. I will miss teaching children, as it has been a passion. I will also miss the wonderful peers and administration I work with here. My experiences and connections here have been a blessing to me words cannot express. With that said, I look forward to the next stage of life in retirement. I will take with me so many wonderful memories and experiences.

I have reached this decision after 16 amazing years of teaching. During the last 4 years, it has been my privilege and joy to have been teaching as part of the Umatilla School district family, including my last year, which was a once in a lifetime, getting to be a part of the opening year of CVI. Working under your administration has helped me grow and develop increased confidence and skills. I am deeply grateful for the opportunities I've had as an educator, to work alongside the best colleagues, and feel the pleasure of teaching students in this building.

I want to ensure a smooth transition for students and colleagues. I am more than willing to assist in working with the district and/or my replacement teacher, providing data, materials, student synopsis, or whatever support is helpful.

It is my hope, after retirement, I will still be able to continue to work part time for the Umatilla. S D. as a Sub or in other capacities.

Sincerely,



Wendy Ross

4/8/26

Dear Superintendent Sipe,

Please accept this letter as formal notification that I will be resigning from my position as Special Education Director with Umatilla School District, effective at the conclusion of my current contract on June 30, 2026.

Deciding to move on has been an incredibly emotional process. I have spent nearly 21 years within this district—a span of time that has seen me grow from a new teacher into an instructional coach, and finally into an administrator. This district has not just been my workplace; it has been the backdrop of my professional life and a community that I consider family.

While I am looking forward to the next chapter of my career, leaving the relationships I have built here is difficult. I am committed to ensuring a seamless transition during the remainder of my contract.

Thank you for 21 years of memories, professional challenges, and the chance to make a difference in this community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Taunya Daniel". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Taunya" being more prominent than the last name "Daniel".

Taunya Daniel

Blanca Ramirez
1100 S Highway 395 Apt D-3
Hermiston, Oregon 97838

April 9, 2026

Heidi Sipe and UHS Administration
Umatilla High School
1400 7th Street
Umatilla, OR 97882

Dear: Mrs. Sipe and UHS Administration

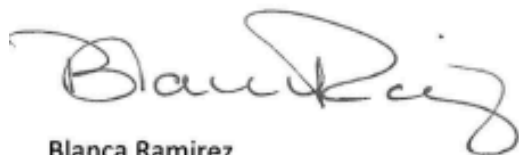
I hope this message finds you well. I'm writing to formally resign from my position as Office Manager at Umatilla High School, I will be completing my 2025-2026 Contract. This decision has not been an easy one to make but due to my health condition I must put myself first.

I truly appreciated my time at Umatilla High School and am grateful for the valuable experiences and opportunities I've had here. The support from my colleagues, knowledge and friendships I've gained are invaluable.

I'm committed to making this transition as smooth as possible and will do everything I can to wrap up my responsibilities before my departure and assist in training the future Office Manager.

Thank you again for everything – I'm grateful to have been part of an amazing group of people.

Best regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Blanca Ramirez". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Blanca Ramirez

March 10, 2026

Dear Members of the School Board,

After 30 rewarding years in education, I am writing to formally announce my retirement and resignation from my first grade teaching position at McNary Heights Elementary, effective at the end of this 2026 school year.

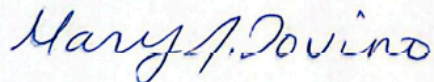
Teaching has been one of the greatest honors of my life. It has been a privilege to work with so many wonderful students, supportive families, and dedicated colleagues. Watching students grow, learn, and gain confidence has brought me immense joy and fulfillment throughout my career.

I am deeply grateful to the school board and administration for the opportunities, trust, and support you have given me over the years. Being part of this school community has meant so much to me, and I will always cherish the relationships and memories I have made here.

While I look forward to this next chapter of retirement, I will truly miss the daily interactions with students and staff that made each day meaningful. I am proud of the work we have done together and confident that the school will continue to thrive.

Thank you again for allowing me to be part of such a dedicated and inspiring educational community.

Yours in Education,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mary J. Iovino". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

Mary J. Iovino