

March 3, 2025

Dear Sweetwater ISD Board of Trustees:

With heartfelt emotions and overflowing gratitude, I submit my letter of resignation as the Superintendent of Schools for Sweetwater Independent School District. My last day will be Thursday, March 13, 2025.

Together, we have accomplished many efforts. We passed the CTE and gym complex bond, along with roof replacements and repairs, in May of 2023. Our move-in date is July 28, 2025. We have aligned math and RLA curriculum for grades K-5 in addition to offering music and art at all elementary schools. Our partnership with the city has grown to art and music camps for all grades during the summer as well as expanding the SISD Child Care to include not only staff member's children but also children of parents in the community. Our successful relationship with the Sweetwater PD has ensured that we have SROs on campuses and a Director for Safety and Security. We were recruited to be in TEA's Texas Strategic Leadership (TSL) project and remain active participants. We are growing strong campus leaders through coaching and identifying strengths so that we can support our teachers to earn designations through the Teacher Incentive Allotment (TIA). Our student and staff attendance rates are improving and enrollment is holding steady. We are communicating the positive SISD happenings daily and monthly with community and staff newsletters. Best of all, we defined, and we celebrate Mustang Spirit.

We are doing great things to make SISD a destination district with many opportunities for students and facilities that are safe, secure, and aesthetically pleasing. We want students and staff to belong. We have made huge strides.

Again, thank you for your confidence in me to guide this wonderful district. I will always sing Sweetwater's praises.

Peace and Mustang Spirit,

Deidre Parish