

April 26, 2010

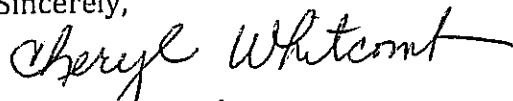
Dear Board of Education and Administration,

It is with the mixed emotions of deep sadness and happy anticipation that I submit this letter of resignation/retirement effective at the end of June. I am so grateful to have spent a 35+ year career in Becker. I have watched this district go from a poverty district that qualified me for forgiveness of my college loans to the healthy, vibrant district that it is today.

The wonderful staff, students, administrators and board members that I have had the privilege of working with have enriched my life in so many ways. I will take with me so many fond memories and the hope that in some small ways I have made a difference. I leave behind, but still in my heart, valued friends and colleagues who are such a tremendous asset to this district.

Knowing that there are still so many really fine educators in this district, I am confident that the district will see itself through these difficult times and will once again emerge as a proud leader among districts. I wish all of you the very best and know that there is a bright future ahead for Becker Public Schools.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cheryl Whitcomb". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Cheryl Whitcomb