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## Dr. Sharma-Lewis Announcement

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### A Message From



Dear D76 Staff and Families,

It is with a mixture of gratitude, pride, humility and a hint of sadness that I announce my decision to retire as Superintendent of our award-winning school district at the conclusion of the 2024-25 school year. After 10 years of dedicated service to this wonderful community, the time has come for me to write the next chapter of my story.

Reflecting on the past decade, I am filled with joy about ALL that we have accomplished together. When I joined the district, I set out with a vision to create an environment that prioritizes academic

and professional excellence, cultivates a healthy and supportive culture, and focuses on the holistic well-being of every student and staff member. Today, I am proud to say that we have not only achieved these goals, but have surpassed them, creating the infamous SparkleOn brand that is recognized far and wide.

Our district has become an example of high standards and excellence, known for our innovative programs, collaborative spirit, and unwavering commitment to **Embrace, Empower, Excel... Each Child, Each Day.**

This journey has been marked by countless milestones, but none of them would have been possible without the dedication of our extraordinary Board of Education, servant leadership team and exemplary educators. Collectively everyone's passion, hard work, and unwavering support have been the foundation of our success. Together, we have created a district that is more than just a place of teaching and learning; it is a **thriving family** where everyone is valued, supported, loved and inspired to reach their full potential.

The Board of Education is taking a proactive approach to gather input from the staff and community. A survey will be sent in the coming weeks to gather feedback from stakeholders about the leadership qualities desired for the next D76 Superintendent and the district's future direction.

Thank you for the trust you have placed in me over the past decade. It has been my humble privilege to lead and serve D76. Looking ahead to the 2024-25 school year, I will continue my commitment to **Level Up** our efforts, **Lean In** to every opportunity and always **SparkleOn!**

With **Service, Passion, Advocacy, Respect, Kindness, Love, Equity, Opportunity, Nurture,**

**Embrace · Empower · Excel...Each Child · Each Day,**



Bhavna Sharma-Lewis Ph.D  
Superintendent of Schools

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