March 26, 2015

Dear Mrs. Petrasek and the Members of the District 83 School Board,

This is probably one of the most difficult letters I have ever written. But the time has come for me to look towards another chapter in my life, that makes me sound so old, and I don't feel that old.

I have greatly enjoyed being a small part of District 83 for the last 20 years, I loved meeting the families and see the children grow up and have their own children go through our district. That means a lot when you stay in a community for generations, it says something that no reports can, it says there is a faith in what's being done.

But as I said, the time has come for me to put in my intention to retire at the end of the 2018 school year. Three years seems like such a short time to complete all the things you want to finish. It's a time to reflect, to stop and think, did I make a lasting impression on at least one or two of my students, did I guide or direct some to their life career, did I change a course or direction of a child to the better? These are all things that I wonder as I write my letter.

In the next three years I hope to learn some of these answers, many times you never know how your students see you.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be a part of District 83. I wish you great things and good memories.

Kathy Lovely

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