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To: Board of Education Manistee Intermediate School District

This is a letter to inform you that I have applied for retirement with the state of Michigan. I looked at the first contract that I signed in 1989 and can't believe it has been 23 years that I have been a part of the Manistee Intermediate School District. Where has the time gone? I am sure you all have heard that many times before.

With many changes good or bad, change has been a part of all of our lives since the moment we are born. Hopefully most of the changes have been growth with positive outcomes.

It is time again for me to have a change. I feel it is a major change because it is a new challenge in my life. As time passes and I grow older, I know that it will not be a major change just a new path. Being married for almost a year now is part of that new path. I pray that it will be a growth with many positive outcomes.

I pray that with the challenges and changes within the state legislative bodies students and staff will not be burden and torn in this near future of ours. Education has always been important to me, not just for special needs students but for all people. Let's hope and pray that education in our area and country will be one of the best commodities we have as Americans.

In changing from this path of teaching to my new path, my official date for retirement is August 1, 2012.

Sincerely,


Brenda Jean Merkey