

August 9, 2012

Dear Superintendent Grauer and Principal Dean Rech:

I am officially submitting my letter of resignation. As you are both aware I have been struggling for the past several months to determine the status of my continued professional relationship with Sheridan School District. One need was certain and utmost in my mind, and that was that I had to, minimally, take a leave of absence from the school district for one year. I did not feel up to the challenges of maintaining my current position within the district and sought, for months, another position within the district. As each of these doors shut, one, by one, I was left with a tough decision to make. It is difficult to walk away from Sheridan. It's where I began my teaching career and it's where, at one time, I thought I might finish my teaching career. I have worked with some of the most phenomenal people one can work with, and I have had the pleasure of teaching the best students in the world. I thank you for this opportunity. It is disappointing that we were unable to find a mutually beneficial status for me to maintain while I regrouped this year, however I understand the need for Sheridan to fill my position and I know that there are many qualified candidates out there waiting for my job.

Best of luck and thank you for the past ten years,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joyce E. Garland". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Joyce E. Garland