

August 3, 2020

To the Board of the Three Rivers School District and Superintendent Valenzuela,

Regretfully, I will be resigning from my position on the Three Rivers School District Board effective at the close of the board meeting on August 12, 2020. I have enjoyed my seven years of service on the board, and I have taken the commitment very seriously, with excellent attendance and diligent attention to tasks and assignments. It is because of this very same respect for the attention required that I feel it is now my time to step aside.

I believe new dedication and energy are needed in the Illinois Valley representative. I encourage the board to appoint someone with children currently enrolled in our schools and with a strong understanding of the many difficult decisions the district is currently facing. The role requires a sensitivity to the intersectionality of challenges endured by the families we serve. A professional communication style and solid boundaries are also indispensable criteria for board success.

Before I even considered stepping aside, I worked to locate a potential replacement so strong that there would be an increase of energy. That person's application will be forthcoming to the board, and I hope the board will choose to appoint that person, but the process of selection will be up to the board, without regard to my preference. I trust that the best candidate will indeed be appointed.

I will remain available as a networking connection and a resource for the board, the district leadership team, and the selected Illinois Valley representative.

I have enjoyed the hard work of serving the Three Rivers School District, its students, families, staff, leadership, fellow board members, and community. It has been an honor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "Kate Dwyer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kate Dwyer