

January 14, 2021

Dear Mrs. Jennifer Olson,

I am submitting this letter to inform you that at the end of the 20/21 schoolyear I would like to end my tenure as athletic director to move back into the classroom full time. I would like to be able to give one hundred percent to academics at Derby High School.

I want to thank the board and administrators who felt confident to hand me the reins of this job. It has been challenging dealing with no fields, new fields, and then a pandemic but totally worth it when you get to see the kids practice and compete. The greatest highlight was getting to be AD when Girls Cross Country won a state championship. I coached cross country for ten years and was thrilled to be part of this event.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who supports the Derby athletic family. There are the athletes who work hard to represent their school while learning and improving as individuals. Parents are there to support their children and our teams. Administrators and board members are here for the teams and I always appreciate seeing them at games even when there are many other meetings to attend. I can never thank the coaches enough for the daily effort it takes to run an athletic program. Through the ups and downs, the coaches are there every day to be a consistent and positive force for our community.

Again, I am thankful for the opportunity to serve as athletic director and I look forward to my continued service with Derby Public Schools.

Sincerely,

Matthew J. Bradshaw