

November 7, 2024

Bob Gross, Transportation Director  
Dr. Trish Perry, Superintendent  
Members of the School Board, ISD 51

Bob, Dr. Perry, and Members of the School Board,

I am writing this letter to request an extension to my leave of absence from my bus driving contract. With my recent reelection as a Benton County Commissioner, my schedule will demand availability as a Commissioner and would be in conflict with a set driving schedule.

For those board members or administration that were not here back in 1998, I was hired at that time to fulfill the position of Project Coordinator in the District Office for the construction of the Intermediate School, Fieldhouse, and ball field projects. At that time, I was granted a 5 year leave from driving with the option of returning each start of the school year. I exercised that option in year 4 of the leave because there was a retirement of a driver and the school projects were nearly complete.

I am requesting a leave for the following time periods which would coincide with the next election cycle. School years of January-June 2025, 2025-2026, 2026-2027, 2027-2028, 2028 until January 1, 2029.

I would also like to request the option to return at the start of each school year in 2025, 2026, 2027, or 2028. I would do my best to exercise this option when it is clear that the schedule would work and/or there is already a position open so that I would not need to "bump" anyone on my return.

As you are aware, if my leave is granted I would retain my seniority on the bus driver list.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



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