



Livingston PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Board of Education Members,

I appreciate the trust and support that the Livingston Board of Education and the community have given me over the last seven years. This letter is to confirm my intent to finish this school year and leave my position as Superintendent of Livingston Public Schools effective July 31, 2013.

The past seven years have been the most professionally rewarding of my life and I feel honored to have had the opportunity to lead and serve this wonderful school district. From the moment my family and I arrived in Livingston, we felt welcomed and accepted by a community that truly values education and from a staff committed to ensuring the success of every student. It was a privilege to serve a Board of Education that consistently made decisions in the best interest of all children.

When I was hired, my mission was to keep this great school system moving forward and build on its excellent quality in spite of adverse economic conditions. I am proud that during my tenure, despite it being one of the worst economic crises of the century, we have never lost sight of that mission and have never wavered from our Strategic Plan. That Plan has delivered improved student achievement, significant enhancements to the facilities, improved technology, and provided inclusionary programs in-district for special education students. But most of all it has provided all students with equal access to the curriculum.

Together we have instituted lasting changes that will improve student achievement and student success for years to come. While I am extremely proud of the accomplishments of our students, I also take great pride in the accomplishments of our entire staff. It has been an honor for me to serve with Cabinet members, principals, administrators, teachers, and support staff who rank among the best in the nation.

There is still much work to be done this year and challenges that lie ahead. With continued strong support and involvement of our parents and this community, Livingston Public Schools is poised to reach new levels of achievement for every student.

Decisions to leave are never without reflection, but this is also an exciting opportunity for me to write another chapter in my life. Many years ago I was faced with a similar decision when I left a position I loved as an extremely successful professional musician and music educator to become a school administrator. It turned out to be one of the best decisions I ever made, as was accepting the position as Superintendent of Livingston Public Schools. After thirty-eight years of public service, however, it is time for me to pursue new professional and personal goals, and even more importantly, to enjoy the quality of time spent with my family and especially, my grandchildren.

Thank you for allowing me to serve the children and community of Livingston.

Sincerely,

Dr. Brad Draeger
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Livingston Public Schools: Empowering all to learn, create, contribute, and grow.