

September 14, 2020

Greetings to Mrs. Jennings, Mr. Lentz, and the Board of Education of USD 434,

It has been my honor to have had the opportunity to work under the many administrators and outstanding educators during my teaching career in this district. I owe so much to the continued support, assistance, and flexibility of the teachers with whom I've had the pleasure of working alongside. The teachers in this district show tremendous dedication to all students and I've learned much from them in everything they do.

It is my intent to formally retire from public education at the end of this school year, May, 2021. It will not be easy to leave the room I've worked in (that I consider my second home), the program I've built, and the job I've dedicated myself to all these years but it is time to let someone else enjoy the benefits of watching our young people learn and grow in their reading. It has been a most fulfilling profession.

I deeply appreciate the school board for their dedication to public education and support of the teachers in our district. It has been an unimaginable job on the part of the BOE and administrators during the unprecedented time of pandemic and indescribable job the teachers have done! How I pray we are never again faced with this kind of dilemma.

Thank you all for allowing me to serve our students at OAC and thank you for your continued support along the way. I greatly appreciate it.



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