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Dear East Greenwich Faculty and Staff and Community,

It is with mixed emotions, but a deep sense of gratitude that I write to you today to inform you of my intention to retire upon expiration of my contract on April 30, 2022. I have had the privilege of doing what I have come to understand to be the most honorable of professions; educating children and working with the professional staff that support the teaching, learning and caring for children. In April, I will have completed twenty-five years of service to the students, faculty and staff and families of East Greenwich Public Schools. In September of 1995, upon acceptance of a position to serve as a paraprofessional at Cole Junior High School, I never dreamed that my career would end in the role of Superintendent of Schools. I will remain eternally grateful for the opportunity to serve East Greenwich Public Schools as a paraprofessional, teacher, middle school assistant principal, middle school principal, director of teaching and learning and superintendent. Although my title has changed over the years, my vocation has always been that of a teacher and a learner who is focused on meeting the needs of all children, families and colleagues.

It has been a privilege to work alongside so many talented and passionate East Greenwich administrators, teachers and staff. Together over the years, we have supported a diversity of students to learn, grow and pursue their interests and passions. There is not a day that goes by that I do not marvel in your work, your talent, and commitment to students. It is my hope that you have benefitted from my support and service, as I have from you and your influence on me as an educator and person. I have a deep sense of accomplishment by having been a part of the East Greenwich school community and sharing in the fundamental purpose of our work and core values. My fondest memories will be of the staff, families and students and the work we did on behalf of children.

I became an educator with the dream of teaching children to find passion and inspiration in learning and assist them in the process of preparing for life beyond high school. I have learned so much from my students and their families, the East Greenwich faculty and staff, and past and present members of

the School Committee. The amazing support and partnerships from East Greenwich families, volunteer organizations and the broader community is second to none and helps to fuel our commitment to excellence and supporting all students. I will forever be indebted to all in this school district and community who have shared this journey with me and contributed to my learning and understanding. I have been fortunate to benefit in such a profound manner from the relationships and friendships that have been built and forged over the past twenty-five years.

My husband and I privately came to this decision a few months ago. I have reached a point in my life where I want to spend more time with my family. They have been so supportive and understanding of the time demands of my career. While I look forward to retirement and more time with family and friends, I will dearly miss being a part of the East Greenwich educational community. This has not been an easy decision on both a personal and professional level. Perhaps the hardest part of a decision to retire after so many years is letting go. It is especially difficult when you have grown to love so much of what you do, and who you do it with. Announcing my retirement at this time allows the School Committee sufficient time to plan for a transition to a new East Greenwich superintendent.

There is still a lot of work to be done over the next six months. Be assured that I remain fully committed to my service and the work before us through April 30, 2022.

Please accept my heartfelt gratitude for the tremendous opportunity I received in having been allowed to serve in and lead in this incredible school district. My fondest memories will be of the staff, families and students and the work we did on behalf of children. I genuinely wish each of you, our students, East Greenwich Public Schools faculty and staff, and the greater community the very best.

Respectfully,

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