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Mrs. Sykes

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Greetings School Committee Members,

I first met Mrs. Sykes at a meeting when I was on the PTO board. I was immediately impressed by the energy and many ideas she shared with us for the upcoming school year. I am even more impressed that she has actually implemented many of these ideas and has brought warmth, energy and fun to BES. My 4th grader, Thea, has told me many times how nice Mrs. Sykes is and, unprompted, that she feels the behavioral system Mrs. Sykes has implemented is more fair than previous systems at BES.

I don't doubt that the school committee members would also like to retain Mrs. Sykes. Bluntly, if there are work environment or personnel issues, I believe retaining Mrs. Sykes should be the priority. I feel it is important to retain the staff that works with the kids day in and day out, and to not subject the kids to another regime change at BES.

I just wanted to throw another hat in the ring for Mrs. Sykes.

Thank you for your time and for your work for the district.

Erin Murtagh

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Thank you for your email. I'm currently away from the office and focusing on various projects but will be sure to respond when I return. thank you.

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Thank you for your concern. I believe I can speak for the committee that we are also emotional how Mrs. Sykes is leaving, but respect her decision as it seems to be based on personal reasons for her.

The committee has received no complaints about her work environment or personnel issues as you suggest, and Mrs Sykes has asked that we all respect her decision based on her personal reasons. The committee is going to honor that request.

Please join us as we support her last few months in our district and wish her well in her future employment with her new district.

This is a personnel matter so we won't be able to comment much more on that.

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