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Mrs. Sykes resignation

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To those listed in this email...

Not one to mince my words, I'm writing to express my utter displeasure with allowing such a huge mistake to occur with the resignation of Cindy Sykes.

I don't know what kind of crap went down that led to this happening but I'm sure I will eventually find out as Boylston is a small town and everyone knows everyone. Even though my daughter will be at Tahanto next year, I find it very disconcerting that there's been 3, yes, 3 Principals at BES since she started kindergarten in 2019.

With all the agita over the school budget that we, as town residents, have to deal with [apparently] every single year, having a Principal in position that is at the caliber of Cindy Sykes is luck on our part. Yes, you read me correctly, LUCK. In a time when we're obviously having difficulty keeping good faculty, letting her go is a mistake. And it doesn't seem like the students at BES are at the top of your priority list either as you would have never let this occur. Those kids, ALL of them, need stability at this age and having a leader at that school who is there for those students every day is paramount to their development and success. Agree with me or not, I don't care, but that's my opinion based on what I've witnessed firsthand. Cindy has been there for my daughter when needed and never, EVER, let us down. Just when I thought we had a Principal who I felt was worthy of being at BES, this happens.

Like I said, I don't know all the details behind this mess but I think this committee needs to do some serious groveling and get her back.

I'd say thank you for listening to me but in this case, there's nothing to thank....

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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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Hello. I understand your frustration, we are in the same boat. I can assure you the committee did not "allow" the mistake of her resignation. Mrs. Syke made a career and personal decision that would be best for her, and as it's a personnel decision we won't have much more to comment on it. We wish her all the best in the future and hope you are able to participate in Monday's meeting.

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