Dear SAS Community,

I am writing to let you know that this will be my last year at the Singapore American School. At the completion of the 2022-23 school year, my wife Veronica and I and our beautiful rescue dog Ellie will be moving to our home in Italy to start the next phase of our lives.

As I look back at my 43 years in education I am deeply moved by the fact that 33 of those years have been with the Singapore American School. Those have been 33 years of a life I never imagined for myself when I was growing up in a small town in the midwestern part of the United States.

The reason I have stayed at SAS so long boils down to three things, The quality of life I have enjoyed by living in a country like Singapore, the incredible opportunity to work in a school like SAS, and the absolute privilege of connecting with students, families, colleagues, and friends in ways that have regularly changed my life for the better. There is no denying that this has been the trifecta of my life.

I will leave SAS humbled by the fact that over the years so much has been given to me by so many. My life is richer for working in a profession I respect, at a school that represents what education everywhere should be, and because of the kindness and genuine regard I have been afforded by the children and families of SAS that I have met and worked with over the years.

I fully expect every day of the next seven months will find me saying what I have said for the past 33 years…“I love my job and I am so grateful to be doing it here at SAS.”

I offer a profound thank you to all of you and all who have come before you for the impact you have had on my life……and…….“If you are ever in Italy!!!!!!”

All Best Wishes

Ken Schunk