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Community Letter – April 2, 2026

Moonachie Families & Friends,

First, Happy Spring Break! I hope you all enjoy a well-deserved and restful week, filled with quality family time, sunshine, and rejuvenation.

The purpose of this letter is to share information regarding an administrative transition that will happen as we close out the 2025-2026 school year and prepare for 2026-2027.

I have formally submitted to the Board of Education my resignation as your Superintendent/Principal, effective June 30, 2026, to pursue a new professional growth opportunity that is much closer to home and better for my family. I have served in Moonachie's District leadership for the past 10 years and it has been a true honor to watch your children grow, to build tremendous relationships with our families, and support our educators/staff to ensure every child of Moonachie is provided the highest of academic supports, love, and expectations.

I am extremely proud of what our district has accomplished together. From expanding enrichment and high school opportunities, becoming the highest-performing 'DFG B' district in New Jersey in ELA and Math for three consecutive years, to launching free preschool and maintaining strong fiscal responsibility—our progress reflects a shared commitment to excellence. Most importantly, we have built a school culture where every child is safe, valued, and celebrated.

With all of our progress, I still believe Moonachie's finest days are ahead. The team of educators and leaders currently in place is exceptional—experienced, deeply committed to our town, and fully prepared to continue the momentum we have built together. They are devoted to continuing to elevate Moonachie as one of the best districts in the State of New Jersey.

I informed the Board of Education that I will continue to lead, to the best of my ability, during this transition period. Our goal is to ensure a smooth, stable transition so that our students and families experience continuity in the high-quality education you expect and deserve.

Moonachie will always have a special place in my family's heart. I look forward to following the district's continued growth and student achievement in the years to come. I will miss you all. Stay well.

Best,



James S. Knipper
Superintendent/Principal