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Dear Preston Learning Community,

With deep gratitude and humility, I write to formally notify you of my intent to retire from my full-time position as Superintendent of Schools in Preston, effective July 1, 2027.

This decision follows thoughtful consideration of my family's needs and priorities, my health and professional goals, and my profound appreciation for the privilege of serving this community. By providing notice now, I hope to support a thoughtful, smooth transition and give the Board of Education ample opportunity to consider the future structure of the superintendent position, as well as the time needed to identify and engage a recruiting consultant and conduct a thorough search for Preston's next superintendent.

There remains important work before us. During the 2026–2027 school year, the Board and I will continue to move forward together: updating the Capital Improvement Plan, developing a strong and meaningful Strategic Plan, assessing opportunities for organizational redesign, and, above all, creating opportunities for every student to learn, grow, discover their strengths, and succeed.

As I reflect on my ten years in Preston, what stays with me most is not any single initiative, challenge, or accomplishment, but the people. I am deeply grateful for the remarkable souls I have had the good fortune to know along this journey. Students, families, teachers, support staff, administrators, Board members, community partners, and friends have each contributed to the life and spirit of our schools and, in countless ways, to my own life.

Over the last decade, the Preston Learning Community has navigated change with resilience, purpose, and hope. Through a growing Town–District partnership, we have created a joint strategic plan, shared resources, and strengthened standards rooted in kindness, responsibility, and respect. We have expanded opportunities in the arts, athletics, enrichment, and experiential learning while achieving strong academic results, including high school credit in Algebra I and Spanish I, high graduation rates, and performance above state averages. We have also strengthened whole-child support by adding social workers and sustaining school psychologists. We have achieved national recognition of our Pre-Kindergarten program and science instruction. These accomplishments belong to our entire community. Although progress is never perfect, by

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caring for one another and working together, we have created stronger conditions for every child's success.

It has been one of the great honors of my professional life to serve the children and families of Preston. Leadership in education continually reminds us of our shared humanity. Our days bring successes to celebrate, challenges to confront, difficult decisions to make, and unexpected moments that ask us to listen, learn, adapt, and grow. Through it all, I have been humbled by the dedication, compassion, resilience, and humanity of the people who come together each day for children.

Whatever we have accomplished, we have accomplished together. I am proud of our collective work, but even more grateful for the relationships, trust, kindness, laughter, perseverance, and friendships that have given that work meaning. Those connections are among the greatest gifts I will carry with me long after my service as Superintendent ends.

There is still much to do between now and July 1, and I look forward to approaching that work as we always have: with purpose, humility, optimism, and a steadfast commitment to our students and to one another. I have provided the Board of Education with a draft superintendent search process to support their planning. I remain deeply grateful for the trust placed in me and for the extraordinary privilege of sharing this chapter of my 51-year career in education and my life with the Preston community.

Be safe. Be well.

Kindest regards,



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September 17, 2026

Dear Dr. Seitsinger,

On behalf of the Preston Board of Education, I am writing to formally acknowledge your letter of resignation dated September 14, 2026, in which you announced your retirement from your position as full-time Superintendent, effective July 1, 2027.

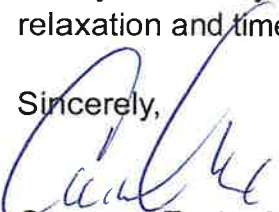
The Board of Education accepts your resignation. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your retirement and thank you for a decade of service to our district. We would like to express our appreciation for your dedicated leadership and commitment to the students, staff and community of Preston.

The Board recognizes your many accomplishments over the years that include strengthening the relationship between the town and our schools, navigating the district through a global pandemic and creating partnerships with other towns in order to reduce budgetary costs and expand services.

The Board appreciates the priority that you have given to school safety and the welfare of all students. You have broken barriers for social-emotional learning and the importance of mental health awareness for our students. It is evident that you have always led the district with compassion, fairness and complete dedication to all district students and staff. We are grateful for the stable foundation you have built for the future of the district.

Thank you for your continued support and assistance during this time of transition. We wish you the very best in your retirement. We hope you enjoy some much deserved relaxation and time with family.

Sincerely,


Courtney Ennis, Chair
Preston Board of Education