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Dear TSD Board, Staff, Families, Colleagues and Community,

The purpose of this letter is to let you know that I have been working with the TSD Governing Board in planning for my eventual retirement. This is not a good-bye message and I don't have any firm date set, but I wanted you to hear it from me before my position is posted and the search becomes more active.

If the truth be told I could work at this job forever, and there is never a day that I don't wake up eager and excited to be here. I think you all know I love TSD with all my heart. This is my family, and my relationships with each of you have taken me on a journey I am deeply grateful for.

But having said that, 54 years in deaf education, 48 here at TSD, and the past 25 as Superintendent is more than half a lifetime. Perhaps the hardest sentence for me to say is, "It's time." Letting go and admitting "it's time" is more challenging when you love so what you do, especially the people.

I have had the opportunity here on campus, statewide and nationally to be both a teacher and a learner in meeting the needs of deaf students, their families and the professionals that work with them. I am grateful for those opportunities.

We will keep you posted on the progress of our search and look forward to your participation and input as things progress.

With love and deep gratitude,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Claire Bugen".

Claire