



Woodward Public Schools

To: The Woodward Public Schools Board of Education, Staff, and Community

Under the best of circumstances, a superintendent's job is almost impossible; it takes a toll on both physical and mental health. Airline attendants always remind us that when the oxygen masks come down, we need to put ours on first before we try to help others. It is time for me to put on my oxygen mask. After much consideration and prayerful discernment, I have decided to resign, effective June 30, 2023. This change will allow me to stay in the fight for public education from a different perspective, and I am ready for a new season in life with exciting and unknown opportunities.

It has been the honor of my lifetime to serve as the superintendent of my alma mater. As I have often said, it's the dream job I never dreamed I would have. I am genuinely grateful for and humbled by the trust, faith, and support of so many over my career that enabled me to lead efforts to make sure our students have the best opportunity for success in life.

During my career, I experienced many opportunities to serve in roles across the state, representing Woodward and sharing our talents as well as bringing back insights and knowledge. Some of those roles included: Chairman of CCOSA Executive Committee, President of OASA, President of ONPAA, and President of OTA. It was an incredible honor to be recognized by my peers as OASA District 2 Central Office Administrator of the year in 2014 and the OASA District 2 Superintendent of the year 2016, 2022. In May of this year, I am proud to say I will complete my Doctorate of Education in Administration Leadership.

I am proud of my 28-year career in public education and incredibly proud of the past nine years as superintendent. With a focus on making decisions tied to student success, the team we built proved that innovation, collaboration, and data-driven decision-making could make a difference. Some of what we accomplished in the last nine years includes:

- Implementing systems to ensure we push all of our students academically and take care of our student's mental health needs
- Leading the state with TAP, our innovative collaboration with our career tech partners, empowering students to find a passion that drives career readiness in practical and meaningful ways
- Partnering with Western Plains Youth and Family Services in our most recent endeavor, COPE (Community Outreach and Prevention Education), which is yet again an innovation that the entire state will look to replicate. They will utilize it not because it can make a difference on a state report card but because we know it will transform the lives of our students, their families, and, ultimately, our communities

We have accomplished all these things and more because it is in the genetics of the Boomers who came before us, our ancestors who settled this rough and unforgiving landscape over a century ago. It is the genetics of our community and what our mission statement refers to as the "pioneer spirit."

Woodward Public Schools has some of the very best educators in the state, and it has been my honor to work alongside them. I am confident the next leader of Woodward Public Schools will continue taking Woodward to new heights.

Once a Boomer, Always a Boomer!

Kyle Reynolds