



CHULA VISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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EACH CHILD IS AN INDIVIDUAL OF GREAT WORTH

April 26, 2010

Dear Parents/Guardians, Staff, and Community:

I recently shared with the Board of Education (Board) my intent to retire effective December 2010. It has been a great honor and privilege to be your Superintendent these past eight years. The Chula Vista Elementary School District is a very special organization, and our students are remarkable.

My timeline for retirement leaves the Board ample opportunity to search for a replacement. It will allow us to finalize the 2010-11 budget, complete the union collective bargaining process, and evaluate management staff under my supervision. This timeline will enable us to launch our educational initiatives and goals for the new school year.

The Board hopes to provide some transition time with the new superintendent and me as we strive to improve academic excellence in the coming year. The Board has hired Peter Barron Stark Companies to assist in the search effort. They have directed Mr. Stark to design an inclusive selection process that will consist of two major components. First, a selection committee consisting of Board Members, Cabinet, Principals, Parents, Certificated and Classified staff, and the business community will be formed to define the ideal applicant's skills and characteristics for the Superintendent position. Second, focus groups with a cross-representative sample of the committee listed above will be set up to obtain a broader sample of perspectives and gain additional support for the process and support for a new superintendent.

Retirement brings mixed emotions; I will miss working with our school community and some of the most skilled and dedicated public education professionals in the country. I know you will continue to provide the best possible education for all students. People, especially the children, have made this journey very special and for that I thank everyone.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lowell J. Billings". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned over the printed name and title.

Lowell J. Billings, Ed.D.
Superintendent

cc: Board of Education

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