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Lion Nation,

On January 28, 2017, I was offered the amazing opportunity to serve as the Superintendent of the Northwest R-1 School District. From the first day of being introduced to Lion Nation, I was welcomed by all, and knew I was in a special place. Our staff, families, community, and especially our students are second to none. I have been blessed to have had a wonderful career and the opportunity to work with so many wonderful educators, colleagues, families, and students.

Today, I am writing to you to let you know that I will be retiring at the end of the 2021-2022 school year. It has been an honor to serve the Northwest R-1 Community. I want to thank our community and our Board of Education for their support and commitment to students. Northwest is fortunate to have a Board of Education dedicated to continuous improvement and putting students at the heart of their decisions.

While retirement is on the horizon, there is still much to be accomplished as we continue through the 2021-2022 school year. Although this announcement comes early in the school year, it is done intentionally to give the Board of Education time to search for a replacement as well as time for a transition plan for the new superintendent.

As I reflect over the last several years, I am thankful for so much. Yet when it comes down to it, it is all about people. I am thankful for all the wonderful people and relationships that have developed at Northwest and throughout my career.

With much gratitude,

*Desi Kirchhofer*

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