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Dear East Greenwich Public Schools Community Members:

It is with a mixture of many emotions that I write to you at this time to inform you that I am resigning from my position as superintendent of schools effective late December of 2019 so that I can assume the role of full time associate professor in the educational leadership doctoral program at Johnson & Wales University at the start of the spring semester in January 2020. This past July marked the end of ten years as superintendent of the East Greenwich Schools, and my thirtieth in K-12 public education, and I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as your superintendent. It is my hope that my time here has been helpful and supportive to you in some way and that I have been able to give back to you even a modicum of what you have given to me as an educator and, more importantly, as a person.

I am so very grateful to all of you who have supported the schools and the school district in so many different ways during my time here. One of the most compelling factors that led me to pursue this role ten years ago was the strong commitment of the community to ensure that the East Greenwich Public Schools are vibrant places that provide rich learning experiences for all of our students. I have remarked often during my tenure here that my very first meeting in the community as superintendent was a PTG meeting. I was immediately impressed with the parental support of our schools, and that support remains a vibrant factor as to why so many others from around the country are drawn here to East Greenwich to have their children learn and grow in such a positive environment.

As transitions often compel one to stop and reflect, I draw from my entry plan presentation from August of the 2009-2010 school year. In that presentation I cited the work of Dr. Carol Ann Tomlinson who stated, "Plan to be better tomorrow than today, but don't plan to be finished." The East Greenwich Public Schools have a rich history of excellence and achievement, and I am both humbled and grateful to have been able to serve this community as it works to achieve excellence for all of our students every day. A professional and personal decision of this magnitude is one that has not been easy for me, but I know that I will cherish the memories and friendships that I have made over the course of the last decade. Please know that I am deeply committed to the work before us in the weeks and months ahead and look forward to continuing to work with all of you as my time here draws to a close.

Respectfully,



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