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Dear Viking Family:

After much prayer and reflection, I have informed the Joint Executive Governing Board of my decision to vacate the position of Superintendent of Schools for the Normandy Schools Collaborative at the end of this school year. As a Normandy native who received his educational foundation in this district, I did not reach this decision easily. However, given the State Board of Education's recent decision to move toward a different governing board, I think it is prudent that the new board select a superintendent who is in alignment with its new values, goals, and ambitions for our school community.

I became Normandy's leader at the beginning of a global pandemic that paralyzed much the world. Despite the challenges of providing any type of educational services for our students, we embarked on bold and foundational change to move our school district toward excellence after 30 years of struggle. We implemented a rigorous reading program, a college-aligned math curriculum, and we are currently implementing a school culture playbook and a taxonomy of effective teaching techniques. We also passed an almost \$30 million bond initiative to transform our high school into a 21st Century Learning Center after years of physical neglect.

If these reforms hold, Normandy will, in short order, achieve its accreditation as well as additional distinctions for academic excellence. I join the board in its search for the next leader of our beloved district, and I look forward to continuing to be Normandy's top cheerleader and advocate until my last day as superintendent which will be June 30, 2022. Normandy has been my launchpad from Kindergarten to four college degrees (two from the Ivy League), and a career filled with great academic accomplishments, and I am forever indebted to our magnificent community for the opportunity to serve it.

Sincerely,

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