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Dear Southfield Public Schools Staff,

Southfield Public Schools has made large strides in the past few years. Despite the challenges facing public education, Southfield Public Schools continues to rise to the occasion and create opportunities for children. The district has overcome incredible obstacles to provide exceptional curriculum and innovative programming to ensure that our students are prepared to lead in a 21<sup>st</sup> century global environment.

Together, we created a school climate based on the expectation that all students could and would be successful. We respected all of our students. We set high expectations for student achievement and conduct. We welcomed and challenged all students, regardless of socio-economic level, racial, religious, ethnic or cultural background. Together, we endorsed common district-wide standards and practices, promoted equity and uniform processes in our schools, and recognized our parents as valued partners and customers. We made this school district one of the best in Michigan.

Thus, I offer my resignation, effective March 9, 2014, with mixed feelings. I am sad to leave such a wonderful school district, but excited to accept a new challenge. The past nine years as Superintendent of Southfield Public Schools have been the best in my professional career. All of you came to work each day and gave 200 percent. It is because of all of you that we have a great school district. We worked together to build a school district that shines all around the state. Wherever you go everyone knows about the good things in Southfield!

My best wishes to all of you. Continue the good work you are doing at Southfield Public Schools. Don't be surprised to get telephone calls from me in the future just to say hello and I miss you.

Sincerely,

*Wanda Cook-Robinson*

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