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Dear Parents:

I have been blessed these four years to be working in a community that so values education. In addition, I work with a dedicated staff who want to help all children be successful, but we understand that success is measured in many ways, not just with test scores. What is accomplished in Voorheesville goes far beyond our good test scores. The work that is being done with literacy makes me proud because although I am sure test scores will continue to rise, I believe that students are taking a greater role in their literacy learning, finding the joy in reading and writing. Also, the work of the Spirit Committee to bring us all together in celebration helps define the spirit of this community.

Yesterday, with much difficulty, I addressed my staff to announce my resignation as the principal of Voorheesville Elementary School. Perhaps more difficult will be explaining why to the students that I have grown to love. I hope one day they will understand. Although I am leaving them, I am moving to pursue what I believe is my calling. I began my career with at-risk students in an urban setting and am returning to the challenge of closing the gap in a system that does not always offer equity. I will begin working with the City School District of Albany in early July.

I came four years ago to a fine tradition of excellence and hope that I have helped to continue in that tradition. I thank those who made me feel so welcome and worked side-by-side with me in the best interest of all of our students. I will miss you.

Sincerely,

Kenneth A. Lein