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Oxbow Unified Union School District School Board  
Attention: Danielle Corti, Chair  
530 Waits River Road  
Bradford, VT 05033

Dear Ms. Corti and the Oxbow Unified Union School District School Board:

It is with great difficulty that I share with you that I will not be returning to Bradford Elementary School next year. As you know, I have been on medical leave this year to protect my high-risk family from exposure to COVID. While I believe we made many positive changes during my two years at Bradford Elementary School, my prolonged absence and other circumstances have led me to the conclusion that it is in the best interests of my family to offer my resignation at this time.

I would like to thank Superintendent Knisley, Assistant Superintendent Williams, the leadership team and staff at OESU, the Oxbow Unified Union School District, and most importantly, the staff and families of this wonderful community, for the opportunity to serve the children of Bradford Elementary School for two years. While we faced significant challenges during my tenure, not the least COVID-19, Bradford Elementary School has many strengths to build on; most importantly, the extraordinary dedication to children staff and teachers exhibit on a daily basis. I wish Bradford Elementary School and the Oxbow Unified Union School District all the best as you begin this new chapter in Bradford's future.

Sincerely,



Kate K. Paxton, Ph.D.