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Dr. Barone,

I know this is letter is just a formality, but I could not leave without saying goodbye.

It is with tears in my eyes that I would like to inform you that I am resigning from my position as History/English teacher at the end of the 2020-2021 school year.

To say that I have loved my time at BMU would be an understatement. I appreciate the opportunities BMU has given me to learn and grow over the past 15 years. I will miss the staff and my students, but know that in my new position at River Bend, I will still have the opportunity to interact with them. It is because of the experiences and guidance that I received at BMU that I have the courage and ability to move into an administrative position.

It is my hope that the courses I helped to develop will continue to grow, especially Broadcast Journalism and Senior Seminar. The skills learned in those classes will benefit students for a lifetime. Talking to others face to face is becoming a lost art and these classes require students to learn that skill. I also hope other courses I developed will return. In particular, I hope the Business Etiquette class can someday return to the schedule. It may not have been the most academic of classes, but it was fun, and again, the skills learned in that class (manners, resume writing, phone and email skills, conversational skills) are ones that will benefit students for a lifetime. Some of my fondest memories are of watching students make phone calls to local businesses to ask for information for the very first time. I am proud to have been a part of creating the good human beings that graduate from BMU.

Thank you to the school board for always jumping on board when I had a new idea and needed funding or just some moral support. I am proud to have worked for a board that is so supportive of staff and students. You truly have our students' best interests at heart.

I hope that someday my path will bring me back to BMU, but until then, I am off to learn new things, because that is how we grow.

Sincerely,

Tracy Puffer