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Dear RB Students, Parents and Staff:

Last night I resigned my position as superintendent and principal of this great high school. I will finish the year and do my best to help the new leadership.

During my career I have visited hundreds of high schools including some of the finest in the country. I have no doubt that we have one of the best high schools in America. It is the compassion that exists in this building that sets our school community apart. RB has good test scores, graduation rates, rankings, extra-curricular opportunities, and innovative programs, but the relationships and the community feel are the most important elements that make RB great. I have always stated that all of the academic achievement means little if we are not developing thoughtful citizens who are committed to helping improve their community. This is the true measure of RB's success.

When I first came to RB, I asked every staff member to tell me what they thought was the best thing about the school. Most people said the students, and I have found that to be true. RB is also fortunate to have wonderful parents and teachers. The Board of Education during my eight years has been excellent. It is because we have all been a cohesive team and student-centered that the school has improved.

I have tried to treat every student, parent and teacher with compassion and kindness while at the same time pushing for academic excellence. Working with all of you has been one of the great joys in my life.

I thank the RB community for the amazing opportunity to be a leader at this exceptional high school. I am so proud to be an RB Bulldog.

Sincerely,

Jack Baldermann