



Gentry Public Schools



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Superintendent DePaola and Members of the Gentry School Board:

After much prayer and consideration, after thirty years with the District, I would like to formally notify you that I will be retiring from my position effective March 6, 2023. I have greatly appreciated this job and am grateful for the Superintendent that hired me and taught me so much, Dr. Randy Barrett, and the Superintendent that I have worked for these last 5 years, Ms. DePaola.

I am starting a "second career" with ESS, formerly Subteach, the company that provides substitute teachers for local districts, including Gentry. I look forward to taking the experience I have gained here and doing something new with it that will still benefit my hometown. I am also working on launching a blog, something I have wanted to do for a very long time, that will feature a dog I am training.

In 1993 when I was a newlywed and new ready-made mom, I moved back to the community with my family. The plan was to work a few years and help my children acclimate to their new life and a new school. Very quickly my co-workers became friends and over the course of time – family. Thirty years have passed, and I have collected enough memories (and dirt on them) to write a best seller. I will greatly miss seeing them every day.

In 3 decades, I have known a lot of board members and watched the Gentry School Board reconfigure multiple times- I have always had great respect for what you do, the time you sacrifice for the District, and the decisions you make together. I can almost count on one hand the number of split votes I have seen sitting out here recording your meetings through the years – on those rare occasions when complete unity was not possible it was always certain that the dissenting vote was made with conviction and not malice or spite and the result was always a continued respectful working environment. I truly believe that the Gentry School Board, past and present, has always had the best interest of the staff, students, and families of Gentry at heart in every decision you make. I wish you the very best and ask God to give you wisdom as you continue to fill the positions you hold.

Sincerely,

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