

April 15, 2020

Dear Board of Education,

After months of thought and prayer, I am writing to ask you consideration of my retirement effective August 1, 2020\*.

This has been as difficult a decision as I have ever had to make. Being a part of the Lexington team is literally a part of who I am. And, I thank God for that.

I am most thankful for all the opportunities I have had over the past 45 years to work in three great school districts, with so many fine people and dedicated professionals and to work for so many wonderful students and their families.

My 11 years of teaching and coaching at Willard High School, my two years as Principal of the Crestview Jr/Sr. High School and the tremendous opportunities I had the past 32 years with the Lexington Schools have blended into a career in education that has been more meaningful and rewarding than I could have ever dreamed of or hoped for.

I **love** being part of the Lexington Schools and working with our entire team (Board members, every staff member, parents and our community) to provide our students the best educational and co-curricular opportunities possible, to positively influence their lives and provide them every opportunity to be as well prepared as possible for whatever comes next.

And, our students are **THE** best! They work hard, care about others, have integrity, persevere challenges and difficult times, dream big and never give up or quit.

The Lexington School District is truly an **Excellent** school district, working hard to be even **better**!

We are part of the **best** profession! One that provides opportunities every day to make a meaningful difference in the lives of precious young people by what we say and do, how we act and react and the decisions we make. What a tremendous opportunity.

It has truly been an honor and privilege to serve alongside all my colleagues over the years. To each one I offer my heart felt **Thank You**.

Most Sincerely,

  
Mike Ziegelhofer