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Dear Families and Friends of Theodore Judah:

I am writing to announce that after much deliberation, I have accepted the position of Director of Teacher and Leadership Development for our school district. Please know that this was a very difficult decision to make, but it is the best decision at this time for me and my family.

Taking care of the school during this change is my priority. To that, I am pleased to announce that Mr. Jim Trimble, a widely-respected, and newly-retired elementary principal has agreed to serve until the new principal is hired. He will begin at Judah after we return from the winter holiday, which is the same time I will officially leave Judah to step into my new position. However, Mr. Trimble and I will also be collaborating well before that, and we will plan a time to introduce him to staff and to families before he begins.

Area Assistant Superintendent Mary Hardin Young will also be in close communication with our staff and school community regarding the process and timeline of selecting a new principal. The current plan is to have Mr. Trimble serve through the end of the school year. This allows for plenty of time to gather staff and community input, and it poises the team in a strong position to interview during late spring/early summer so as to have the best candidate pool possible.

It has been my honor and pleasure to serve as your principal. This is an amazing school with a fantastic staff and wonderful children and families. The memories I will take from my time here will last a life time. I joined the school community in December of 2009, and I have seen this school change a great deal since. Due to the collaboration of staff, families and the community, this school has grown to be a very different place than when I first arrived. It is truly a thriving neighborhood school. Our success has been accomplished not by one person, but by teamwork, and I know that all of you will keep up this positive focus in support of our school going forward.

I am forever grateful for our years together and for the time I have spent with my Judah staff, families and students. Thank you for all you have done for our school, and will continue to do. Thank you for your years of support.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Corrie Buckmaster Celeste