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Parents and Guardians --

As we head into the Winter break, I want to wish each and every one of you a lovely time with your friends and family. I will also be spending time with loved ones. However, this season brings some challenges for me and my family.

My mother in California, who is a stroke victim and has been battling cancer, is in the process of entering hospice care. Many of you have gone through similar experiences and understand how difficult these experiences are. I have a limited number of family members who can help with my mother, and at this time I must respond to her needs. Due to the wide range of medical, legal, financial and emotional issues that accompany such a family issue, I have made the difficult decision to take a leave at this time to support my mother. My leave will begin Monday and I will keep the School Board and my office apprised frequently of my situation.

Assistant Superintendent Eva Collins will assume a temporary role as Interim Superintendent. Eva will be supported in her role by the members of the Cabinet and I have spent time with that team to arrange for additional support to ensure instruction and operations continue seamlessly. I will be in contact with Eva frequently.

The decision to take this leave has been a very difficult one for me because I am committed to the direction and in support of the outstanding work occurring in this district. I am only able to step away for this leave at this time because of the amazing work by each and every colleague in this district. Our direction for children is clear and the team in place in every building is experienced and committed, so I am comfortable to take this temporary leave for my family.

I appreciate your understanding at this time and hope your season is filled with the love and happiness that only family and friends can bring.

Best regards,

Amalia