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Dear Parents/Guardians:

It is with mixed emotions that I write to inform you that I have made the difficult decision to retire from the District at the end of the 2018-2019 school year in June. Although this may come as a surprise to some of you, it is a decision I have made after considerable thought and reflection. Ultimately, it will be in the best interests of my overall health and well-being, as well as that of the District. The Board of Education accepted my notice of retirement at their meeting last night, December 4, 2018.

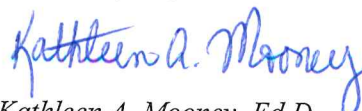
It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the children and families of the Port Washington School District faithfully for nearly nineteen years and to work with such a dedicated BOE, community, leadership team, staff, and parent leaders as Superintendent for the past seven years. We have accomplished outstanding achievements for our students collectively by demonstrating for them how powerful the unique, diverse gifts of the individual can be woven into a beautiful tapestry of strength and unity.

Each of our lives is defined by the circumstances that bring us together, along with the people that are meant to cross our paths. Those people become a part of our life stories and we become a part of theirs. I feel very fortunate that you have allowed me to be included in the life story of the District. There are no words to express the depth of my appreciation for the positive impact you have had on my life and the many ways you have awed me with the incredible commitment you have made in supporting my leadership through some very challenging times.

Please be assured that I will continue to work on behalf of your children with the same diligence and passion that I have held all these years. My early notice of retirement is to provide the BOE with ample time to conduct a comprehensive search for my replacement.

I have loved getting to know so many of you and being energized by your enthusiasm. I will miss you and thank you for the tremendous opportunity to serve in such an important leadership capacity.

With heartfelt gratitude,



Kathleen A. Mooney, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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