



Marcus G. Davenport, Ph.D. / Superintendent of Schools

Monday, July 25, 2022

Dear Grand Ledge Board of Education, Grand Ledge Staff, Grand Ledge Parents, Students and Community,

I greatly appreciate the previous year we have shared to push our district forward. The relationships that have been created and the pure interactions with members of our greater school community have supplied memories that will last a lifetime. Unfortunately, I have been faced with an unforeseen health challenge that will require my absence for an extended period. At this crucial time in our development for a strong 2022-2023 school year, my health challenges will impact my ability to perform my duties at the highest level. I have only operated with an extreme sense of urgency and a relentless pace to accomplish district goals. As I originally planned and made apparent in my first summer as superintendent, summers must be a period of growth and strategic actions to create the improvements necessary to face the known and unknown challenges of an upcoming year. At this point, my medical challenges will require the undivided attention of my family and I to achieve a full recovery. Therefore, it is in the best interest for my immediate health and the immediate progression of our district that I resign effective Friday, August 5, 2022.

My dedication has been evident in my commitment to the position and the community I have served. I faithfully and consistently made the 180-minute total drive time and the 202-mile daily round trip commute since I became superintendent. I have been fortunate to provide Grand Ledge Public Schools with my absolute best despite some unforeseen health-related obstacles and the balance of having two children under the age of 10. During our year together, we worked tirelessly to provide the academic continuity of daily instruction throughout the evolving challenges of the pandemic, enhanced safety measures, worked with diverse community stakeholders for long-range strategic planning and consistently showcased the positive accomplishments of our students, staff and greater school community.

I have an extreme level of gratitude to the students, parents, staff and greater community of Grand Ledge Public Schools. I have priceless memories of spending countless hours in each building, interacting with our students, having an open-door policy for staff, consistent dialogue with parents and community members and attending major district events. Thank you all for the experiences, the challenges, lessons learned and the support I have received from the Comet Family. Grand Ledge Public Schools is a strong community, and the future will remain bright for our students and staff.

Sincerely,



Dr. Marcus G. Davenport, Superintendent