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Dear Somerville Community,

It is with great regret that I inform you of my decision to resign as Superintendent of Schools effective June 30, 2017. Remaining in Somerville with our students and community for the completion of the school year was an important part of my decision. I assure you that the decision to leave was not an easy one. I have been #allin4theVille since arriving in the district in February of 2011.

With your assistance and support, our district has made great strides for all levels of learners in a trauma-sensitive environment that encourages students to develop a love for learning. Somerville has afforded me the opportunity to work with talented students and supportive parents and community members. The teachers and administrators are among the brightest and most energetic in their profession. Our tremendous accomplishments, however, would not be possible without the dedication and vision of the members of the Board of Education. This is truly a special community!

It has been a pleasure to work with you over the past few years. The district has made many significant changes and improvements. I feel very confident that the Board and personnel are in place to sustain these changes and move the district forward. Be assured that I will work with the Board, community, and staff to ensure a seamless transition for the new superintendent. The Board of Education will begin the process of filling my position immediately. Additional information will be forthcoming.

Sincerely,



Timothy Purnell, Ed.D.