

Resolution of Recognition and Appreciation

Traverse City Area Public Schools has been fortunate to have a dedicated staff committed to the mission of the district.

Several members of that staff are now about to embark on new adventures in life away from Traverse City Area Public Schools.

Members of the Traverse City Area Public Schools Board of Education, wish to extend our utmost appreciation for the work that these staff members have done to make education an exciting and joyous experience for the students of our district.

The Board of Education wishes to extend our sincere best wishes for every happiness in the future to those staff members who will be leaving the district at the end of the school or prior to the end of the school year, 2023/24.

Traverse City Area Public Schools Board of Education recognizes and appreciates the service of those employees departing the district (attached) and wishes them well in all future endeavors, and further, that this resolution of Appreciation and Support be duly recorded and spread across the minutes of the Traverse City Area Public Schools Board of Education on this 13th day of the month of May in the year 2024.

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(years of service with TCAPS)

Kimberly Afton (14.5)

Transportation Specialist Transportation

Mary Carolyn Athanson (21)

Cook's Assistant Blair Elementary School

Sara Bageris (26.5)

Elementary Education Teacher Central Grade School

Arlette Bennington (9)

Custodian West Middle School

Barbara Cotner (1.5)

Cook's Assistant Central High School

Peter Deneen (32)

Music Education/Band Director East Middle School & Central High School

Bette Dienes (26)

B Cook West Middle School

Nathaniel (Than) Dykstra (29)

Science Teacher East Middle School

Juliana Forlenza (24)

Elementary PE Teacher Cherry Knoll Elementary School & Central Grade School

Keith Forton (38)

Science & Physics Teacher Central High School 2023/24 Retirees

Patricia Hackett (29)

Cook's Assistant Long Lake Elementary School

Debra Halachukas (25)

Kitchen Leader West Middle School

Peter Hansen (26)

Tier I Lead Custodian Central Grade School

Terri Hein (29)

Library Media Paraprofessional West Middle School

Jenny Hetfield (4.5)

Elementary Education Teacher Silver Lake Elementary School

Barbara Hobson (31)

Noon Duty & Indigenous Education Silver Lake Elementary School

Joelle Kolody (30)

English Teacher Central High School

Barbara Krueger (13)

Bus Driver Transportation

Ben Ludka (26)

Social Studies Teacher Central High School

Sarah Marek (26)

Elementary Education Teacher Eastern Elementary School

Ann McDonough (24)

Elementary Education Teacher (TAG) Central Grade School Jody Meyers (30)

English Teacher West Middle School

Jon Moore (26)

Science Teacher East Middle School

Lance Morgan (21)

Lead Principal Traverse City High School

Mary Beth O'Neil (35)

Mathematics Teacher West Middle School

Doug Partlo (21)

Assistant Director of Transportation Transportation

Luan Ross (33.5)

ECSE Teacher Blair Elementary School

Jonathon Stewart (16)

Montessori Assistant & Noon Duty TCAPS Montessori School

Melissa Thomas (29)

Elementary Education Teacher Central Grade School

Susan Thomas (26)

Elementary Education Teacher Willow Hill Elementary School

Suzanne Vanderklipp (8.5)

Library Media Paraprofessional West Middle School

Michael VanPelt (24)

Tier II Lead Custodian Courtade Elementary School



Heather VanStratt (25)

Elementary Education Teacher Central Grade School

Tracey Westerman (26)

Instructional & Behavioral Coach Cherry Knoll Elementary School

Edie Wheaton (36)

Kitchen Leader Westwoods Elementary School

35 Retirees (as of April 26, 2024)

2023/24 Retirees