

Monday, Feb. 13, 2017

Dear Concord colleagues and families,

Since joining Edina Public Schools in July 2015, I have been part of a wonderful body of students, families, and staff here at Concord Elementary. My learning as an administrator has been filled with numerous experiences that have provided profound lessons that I will carry with me for years. I strove to maintain the excellence for which Concord and EPS are known.

After much personal and professional reflection, I have made the decision to resign from my position as principal of Concord Elementary at the end of the school year. This decision did not come easy, as I have built many strong relationships within our Edina community that I will always cherish. Yet, I know that my priority needs to be with my family and my own well-being, and that now is the time for me to pursue new leadership opportunities outside Edina. Fueled by my love for the Concord community, I choose to make my intentions public at this time with the understanding that the district will have ample time to conduct its search for a new Concord principal.

While my decision to resign is final, please know that my dedication to our students and families is not. I will continue to strive to create a place of inclusiveness and love throughout our school. My work for Edina excellence and my desire to be a great leader for you will still be on display. I remain committed to seeing our students excel and will continue to hold high expectations for our students, staff and me.

Although I am looking forward to the next chapter in my professional career, I am excited to continue watching Concord from afar, knowing that continued excellence and greatness are surely in its future. Thank you for the opportunity to be a part of this great school community. I look forward to continuing to partner with you over the next several months as we focus on the needs of each and every learner at Concord Elementary.

Yours truly,

Tony Washington