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Dear Ridgewood School Community,

I want to thank everyone for their support and good wishes since I announced my retirement resignation on Friday, September 11. Arriving at this decision involved deliberation on what I have accomplished during my tenure in Ridgewood and throughout my career, as well as what I believe is in the best interest of the district. The news of any major shift in the leadership of an organization can lead to apprehension; however, my intention in making this decision was certainly not to cause conflict. On the contrary, this is a time when the community needs to come together and continue to work in partnership toward the common goal of providing a comprehensive educational experience that fosters critical thinking, empathy, creativity, and resilience in all students.

In my career as an educator, I have had the pleasure of serving students as a science teacher, coach, athletic director, assistant principal, principal, and finally, superintendent. The past few weeks have given me the opportunity to reflect upon and be grateful for the expressions of community support, as well as to examine the many factors that contributed to this significant decision for me, my family, and the district. While the past twelve years have been extremely rewarding, it is time for the selection of a new superintendent who will be tasked with implementing the goals of the Board of Education.

I will continue to serve the families of Ridgewood through my retirement on December 10 and look forward to working with the Board to assist them in finding new leadership to continue to advance the goals of the strategic plan, the vision for the district, and the eventual full reopening of our schools.

Again, thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Daniel Fishbein, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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