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Members of the Celina City Schools Board of Education:

In the jargon of formative assessment, this letter is my exit slip, written to inform you of my resignation from my teaching duties due to retirement, effective May 31, 2017.

I exited Celina High School once before, ostensibly permanently, as a 1974 graduate who had no vision of returning one medical career and nearly a quarter of a century later. When I joined the staff in 1998, the building was debuting a new addition. Despite that physical change, the facility felt like a familiar, comfortable fit, and it has continued for nineteen years to feel like my home through demographic changes in the student population, eight supportive building administrators, and declining average age of the staff, several of whom I have had the pleasure to welcome as students in my classroom.

Now, as the oldest female in the classroom at the high school, I realize it is time for me to sleep past 5:00 a.m. I will certainly miss the youngsters—both students and staff—and the few grizzled veterans still fighting the good fight of believing in and providing quality public education.

Sincerely,



Betty L. Clouse