

May 25, 2015

Celina City Schools Board of Education:

It is with great regret I am submitting my letter of resignation for the position of Assistant Varsity Girls Soccer Coach. I have been lucky enough to be a part of the soccer program here at Celina High School since 1997. I am proud to say I was here for every WBL Championship earned by the teams and have thoroughly enjoyed working with student-athletes outside the four walls of my classroom.

Serving as a CHS soccer coach has been a way of life for me for almost two decades. I have learned so much from various athletic directors, coaches and especially the athletes I have been entrusted. Although it will be extremely difficult to end this chapter in my life, I have a husband and four children at home who also deserve the best of me. For years from August until November they just accepted the fact I would not be around. Ironically, my own children, ages 5, 7, 9 and 11, have never had the opportunity to play on a fall soccer team. It will be bitter-sweet to leave every afternoon and walk past the team warming up, and I'm sure several of those drives home will be tear-filled. However, the rewards will be helping my own children develop a strong work ethic, a love of learning, and maybe they will even get a few home cooked meals.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to make an impact on the lives of students beyond the classroom. It has been a blessing in my life and I will be forever grateful for the opportunity, adventure, and lessons learned along the way

Regretfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wendy E. Mitchell-Payne". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Wendy E. Mitchell-Payne