

NOVEMBER 18, 2019

TO: MR. JEFF FORTKAMP  
MR. PHIL METZ  
DR. KEN SCHMIESING  
CELINA SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

I chose a career in the field of education and coaching because of what sports did for me. I was inspired by my coaches, my father, my siblings, and my teammates back in high school. I learned some of life's best and hardest lessons both in the gym and on the track competing either on my own or with a group of people. I learned to compete, to persevere, to lead, to defer, to communicate, to have fun, to cooperate, and to sacrifice among so many other things—the skills necessary to become a well-rounded functioning adult in this world. In my experience, there was nothing else like sport as the ultimate educator in becoming who I am today.

There's a quote by Vince Lombardi in our weight room that says, "the harder you work, the harder it is to surrender." I've found this quote to be true on so many levels. My own personal history playing for this very school, my love for the sport of Volleyball, and for the love I have for our Bulldog Athletes makes the decision to resign as the Head Varsity Volleyball Coach one of the hardest things I've ever had to do. I have been fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with some amazing athletes, parents, coaches, as well as athletic directors here at Celina High School and within the volleyball community. Saying goodbye to my returning players will be the hardest part of this, but I truly feel it is the right time for me to step down. Being a head coach takes an incredible amount of energy and stamina to do the job well, and the year-round time commitment has just become too much for me. I need to learn how to do life without volleyball for a while.

I will do my best to make any and all transitions to the new leadership as easily and as painless as possible. Please know that I will always have this program's best interest at heart, and I would welcome any requests for help with gladness.

The support I've received over the years from the administration, fellow coaches, staff, community members, and particularly Mr. Fortkamp has been much appreciated. I am proud of all we've accomplished in the eight years I've been blessed to lead this program. Thank you, sincerely, from the bottom of my heart—I will miss it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Amy Shreffler Sutter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Amy Shreffler Sutter