

November 13, 2023

Intent to Retire Letter for Patricia Brown

Dear Dr. Harbron,

Please accept this letter of my intent to retire from my position as a Wellness teacher at Dover Middle School at the end of my contract year in June 2024.

I have had the pleasure of working with the teachers and staff at Dover Middle School for over 20 years. The most rewarding part is working with the students, watching them grow from young children as they enter 5th grade to young adults at the end of 8th grade. Sure, some students challenged me more than others but with support and praise they were able to figure things out and it was a good feeling when they let you know they appreciated what you did for them.

I am thankful for the colleagues I have met along the way, many have left before me and now it is my turn to retire. I do look forward to the next step in my journey and I will take the good memories with me into the next chapter of my life.

I feel I can not leave without expressing one thought. The climate has changed at the middle school, schedules have been modified with the thought of improving student learning but due to many factors I do not feel we have accomplished this goal. I have seen the Related Arts teachers, me included, struggle with the schedule and large class sizes that have been handed to us over the last couple of years which does not allow us to deliver a quality curriculum. My wish is that the Wellness program and all other Related Arts classes be recognized for everything they do for the students of Dover and find ways to bring back the strong curriculum we once provided and create a safe environment for students to flourish.

Sincerely,
Patricia Brown
DMS Wellness Teacher