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To Dr. Arbour C/O Robin LaFleur, HR:

It is with truly mixed feelings that I write to formally request a leave of absence for the 2017-2018 school year. While I feel a sense of sadness and fear at the possibility of leaving my job, even if temporary, I also feel a sense of relief and joy to be able to reunite my family. During the past three years, my husband and I have had to live apart in order for him to pursue his career goals while I put in my ten years of service here at Dover High. His current job took him to Maryland, which is too far to commute on a weekly basis. Having two small children, we owe it to them to see if we can make our career goals work in tandem so they can grow up with both a mother and a father.

Dover has been a fruitful place to work during the past decade, and I am grateful for my time here. I have been exposed to classrooms with every challenge imaginable, from the Harvard-bound student to the disruptive and disabled learner. I'm sure the skills I learned through my on-the-job training will follow me for a lifetime.

While I do not know what the future holds, my hope is that I can receive this leave of absence so that my husband and I have a chance to consider other career options before having to lose my job or leave teaching. I have found a wonderful professional community here, one that I do not wish to leave, where I contribute to the English department in unique ways. I offer my talents as a teacher through the Running Start program with GBCC, as well as a range of teaching strategies that have been effective for the diverse body of students we educate in Dover.

I will look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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