



April 18, 2019

Dear Families,

I am writing to tell you that next year, the 19/20 school year, will be my last at Stanley BPS, a decision I've reached after much reflection and deliberation. I know that next summer, after twenty-five years at Stanley including thirteen as head, it will be time for me to make way for new leadership.

I don't know what's next for me, but I do know that being invited to be a part of the Stanley community twenty-five years ago was a gift to me and my family, in ways I couldn't have imagined back then. Carolyn Hambidge hired me in the spring of 1995 to help create a middle school. Stanley had just acquired the former Officers' Club of the decommissioned Lowry Air Force Base, coinciding with a strong push from many in the community to see the British Primary approach continue through 8th grade. It's been an exhilarating ride watching our school develop over the years along with the surrounding neighborhood. Through that time, I've gotten married and had the privilege of having two children grow up in the company of Stanley teachers. I've gotten to work alongside an unbelievably dedicated staff who demonstrate endless care for the children in their charge. I've been supported by wise and dedicated boards with an unswerving commitment to our mission. I've marveled at the joy, smarts, and character within Stanley students, and I've been inspired by the parents in our community who give so much. I really am at a loss to know how to express my appreciation.

As the accompanying letter from Board President Garth Jensen shares, the Board will soon begin the process of identifying Stanley's next Head of School, who will assume the position July 1, 2020.

It is, of course, much too early for any sort of goodbye. I look forward to another engaging and exciting year of learning with all of you, and I will work closely with new leadership once identified to ensure the smooth transition our school deserves. I am so proud of our school and all it stands for, and our future is incredibly bright.

All my best,

Tim Barrier

P.S. I plan to visit homerooms tomorrow morning, at non-disruptive times, to let students know of my plans. I will reassure them that they'll have a wonderful head/principal to look forward to after next year, and that I will of course have another great year ahead with them. If change is particularly hard for your child, and you'd like them to know ahead of tomorrow morning, I certainly leave that to your discretion.