CAESAR RODNEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

7 Front Street, Wyoming, Delaware 19934

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Dear Caesar Rodney Community,

It is with mixed emotions that I announce the retirement of an esteemed educator and leader, Dr. Christine Alois, Superintendent of the Caesar Rodney School District. After a long and successful career spanning over two decades, Dr. Alois has decided to embark on a new chapter in her life, leaving behind a profound impact on our district and its students.

Dr. Alois' journey with the Caesar Rodney School District began in 1994 when she joined as one of the original "latchkey" teachers, demonstrating her dedication to supporting and nurturing our students from the very beginning. Throughout the years, she excelled in various roles, leaving an indelible mark on the educational landscape of our community. After teaching both 5th and 7th grades, Dr. Alois transitioned to the role of English Language Arts (ELA) resource teacher, where she worked tirelessly with teachers and administrators across the district to enhance the quality of education. Her commitment to fostering a love for reading and writing among students was evident in her efforts to elevate the ELA curriculum. Recognizing her exemplary leadership skills, Dr. Alois was appointed as the Assistant Principal of Stokes Elementary School, eventually assuming the position of principal. Her tenure as an administrator was marked by her passion for fostering an inclusive and empowering learning environment for all students.

In 2009, Dr. Alois embraced a new challenge as the Supervisor of Instruction, where she worked closely with students, teachers, administrators, and families across all schools in the district. Her focus on secondary social studies and English language arts, as well as her dedication to multi-language learners, gifted education, instructional technology, and teacher mentoring brought about substantial improvements in these critical areas. In 2015, Dr. Alois assumed the role within the district as the Director of Curriculum & Instruction. In this position, she oversaw all activities in PK-12 classrooms, dedicating herself to ensuring that students received the highest quality education. Her visionary approach led to the successful implementation of outdoor education initiatives and language immersion programs, enriching the educational experiences of students across all grade levels and school sites. From July 2018 to March 2022, Dr. Alois served as the Deputy Secretary of Education at the Delaware Department of Education. In recognition of her remarkable achievements and leadership qualities, Dr. Christine Alois was appointed as the first woman and 11th Superintendent of the Caesar Rodney School District in 2022. Her tenure as Superintendent has been characterized by a steadfast commitment to academic excellence, innovation, and the holistic development of every student.

Throughout these various district positions, Dr. Alois consistently prioritized building meaningful relationships with students and community members, fostering a strong sense of connection, unity, and collaboration within the Caesar Rodney School District. While we are saddened to bid farewell to such an exceptional leader, we are also immensely grateful for Dr. Alois' unwavering dedication, passion, and contributions to our district. Her impact will continue to resonate for years to come, shaping the future of education in our community.

As we bid farewell to Dr. Alois, the Caesar Rodney School Board will immediately commence the search for a new superintendent. We assure you that this process will be thorough and diligent, aiming to identify a candidate who will continue Dr. Alois' legacy of excellence and student-centered leadership. Please join me in expressing our sincere gratitude to Dr. Christine Alois for her outstanding service and tireless commitment to the students, staff, and families of the Caesar Rodney School District. We wish her the very best in her well-deserved retirement and all her future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Jessica Marelli
President, Caesar Rodney School District, Board of Education

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