



5/21/2021 External Communication

Good afternoon everyone,

The end of the school year is quickly approaching. I would like to thank our staff members who have stepped up despite the challenges we've faced in order to make this year very successful for our students and families. They've risen to the occasion and their efforts have shined through!

Many have asked about our masking protocols for the last few days of school. We will end the year as we have conducted the school year, with masks and appropriate measures being taken.

Finally, I would like to take a moment to let you know that earlier today, I announced to staff my intention to retire. I am not rushing out the door and have not specified a date of departure, but will be stepping away to start the next chapter of my life. In taking a transitional approach, the Board will have adequate time to find an appropriate successor. They intend to begin their search immediately.

I consider myself fortunate to have been able to serve as the Superintendent of Shawnee Schools. This is a wonderful community that places the educational experience for each learner in high regard, as demonstrated by the community support of our levy effort this month. Although we've solidified our financial position, there is more work to be done. A renewal levy will be on the November ballot and with its successful passage, the Board intends to pursue a Bond issue to address our aging buildings.

Yours in Education,

James Kanable, Superintendent