



Mangum Public Schools

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Mangum School Patrons,

Over the past six years, Debra and I have grown to love Mangum. As a community, you took us in. We laughed, as well shed tears together. During our time here, we said goodbye to my dad and welcomed our grandson Cache and daughter-in-law, Sarah into our lives. We purchased our dream house and bought a few cows. It would be difficult to imagine life being any better, but seasons change.

Last summer, our grandchildren moved four and a half hours away from Mangum. It has been quite an adjustment from seeing them on a daily basis to seeing them once every month or two. As we grow older and contemplate the meaning of life, more specifically, the meaning of our lives and the legacy that we will leave behind, it has become clear that we need more than a monthly influence on our grandchildren. Therefore, after prayerful consideration, Debra and I have decided to resign our positions at the end of this school year and relocate closer to our grandkids.

I have not accepted another job. In fact, we have no idea what lies ahead of us, what job we will find or even where we will move, but we are convinced that God has a plan for us. I'm sure that I could have waited until that plan revealed itself and then made an announcement, but I wouldn't be walking in faith, nor would I be giving the Board ample opportunity to identify the next superintendent so the transition can be seamless.

I believe you can tell most about a person's tenure by looking at what they leave behind. Just as Tipton continued to thrive after my departure, I am confident that Mangum's best years are still to come. The future is bright, thank you for allowing us to be a part of it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Shane Boothe', written over a series of horizontal lines.

Dr. Shane Boothe
Superintendent
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