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Dear Parents and Students,

I am writing to share some news that is both personal and of importance to the entire school community. After a career spanning over four decades, I have decided to retire at the end of August. The last twelve years of my career has been here at Somers and there is much that I will miss. The decision to retire is never easy, especially from such a wonderful school and school community, but it time to move forward with the next chapter of my life.

This week the district has posted an opening for my position in a number of venues including the BOCES employment website, OLAS, as well as with various administrative publications and Human Resources groups. The district will be looking to cull down applications to a pool of about 30 for initial review and screening. From this group, 12-15 applicants will be selected for a more extensive interview by administrators. This group will refer about 4-6 top candidates to several selection committees from the various stakeholders of the school: teachers and staff, district administrators, parents, and students. Dr. Blanch will then make a recommendation to the Board of Education from the top 2 or 3 candidates. It is our hope that an outstanding candidate by found by the beginning of April.

I will continue to lead the high school right through the summer months and work with the new principal for a smooth transition. While I will miss the fine staff and the wonderful students and families of Somers, I am confident that the next principal will continue the good work that has been accomplished and chart a new course for the future, taking what has always been our fundamental belief that all students can learn and bringing Somers High School even further *Forward in Excellence*.

My sincerest thanks for all your support over the past twelve years.

Best Regards,

Irene A. Perrella