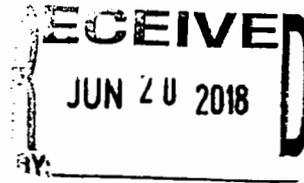


Dr. Melissa Baker
South Lyon Community Schools
June 20, 2018



Dr. Baker,

Thank you for the outstanding leadership you have provided to the students, families, and staff of South Lyon Community Schools. It has been an honor and a pleasure to have been a part of your academic team. Through my experiences at South Lyon High School, East High School, and now Centennial Middle School, I have been so inspired by the dedication of the entire staff to provide the best possible environment and education to the South Lyon students.

It is with mixed emotions that I have decided to retire. Although I absolutely love teaching and working in South Lyon, my heart is leading me elsewhere. As a single parent, I raised my three daughters to follow their dreams, be strong and independent, and I did my job too well! My first born lives in Phoenix, Arizona and is a professional ballroom dancer. She travels for ballroom with her latest trip being to Blackpool, England. My middle daughter and her family live in San Antonio, Texas, where she is a clinical psychologist for the State of Texas. My youngest daughter went to college in Honolulu, Hawai'i, graduated, and then met and fell in love with a local man. I now have three granddaughters, one in Texas and two in Hawai'i, and have two more grandchildren due in the fall. The Hawai'ian grandbaby-to-be will be my first grandson.

Nothing is promised to us and we cannot take life for granted. I am retiring to be able to travel at any time of the year, and kiss, hug, and play with my grandchildren. I am also known for regularly singing and dancing with them and they are still too young to critique me.

Dr. Baker, I hope you remain as the Superintendent of South Lyon Community Schools for a very long time. You are an inspiration to us all!

Sincerely,

Debbie Ross
CMS Teacher/Consultant