

## **Unified School District 232**

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Sharon L. Zoellner Superintendent

April 24, 2009

To the community of De Soto Unified School District #232:

The Board of Education accepted my letter of resignation on April 24, 2009. These last 20 years, six as Superintendent, have been the most rewarding of my professional career. It is the wonderful people with whom I have been able to work that mean so much to me.

The Board also accepted the letters of resignation from Bret Church, Director of Teaching and Learning, and Susan Sipe, Director of Special Education. It is my professional opinion that the Board is now moving in a direction that is diametrically opposed to what is best for the students, staff, and patrons of this school district. I am committed, however, to working with the Board over the next few months to ensure a smooth transition. Because this district is so special in my heart I will also make myself available for the new leadership team to make certain the district moves forward without disruption.

In 20 years we have worked together to take this district from an obscure, small, entity to the outstanding district it is today. Our student achievement is at a level that is the envy of those throughout the state. That is due to the dedicated educators working tirelessly to ensure a quality program is in place for every child.

In closing, let me thank each of you who have been so supportive over the years. Your dedication to our children and the relationships we have shared will not be forgotten.

Sincerely and Respectfully,

Sharon L. Zoellner, Ph.D.
Superintendent
De Soto Unified School District #232