

To the North Olmsted Board of Education, Superintendent, Treasurer, and the Community:

It is with a heavy heart that I notify you of my resignation from the North Olmsted School Board, effective July 1, 2015. My husband and I are relocating to Austin, Texas to be closer to our children and grandchildren.

We are happy to be moving closer to our family, and yet sad to leave the wonderful community of North Olmsted where it has been my honor and privilege to serve as a Board member for 33½ years.

In terms of history, this is the most exciting and forward looking time for the Board of Education because we are finally building a new Middle School and High School that will change the community and make us the best of the west, not only in facilities, but, more importantly, in education.

I'm most proud of co-founding the North Olmsted League for the Education of Gifted (NOLEDG), and the subsequent gifted program that occurred in our schools under Dr. Berger. We had the only self-contained gifted program in Ohio and it was a milestone achievement committed to taking care of the needs of all of our students to help them reach their potential.

As a parent of five who were educated in our system, it is gratifying to know that so many of our children have gone on to become successful in their careers.

As a Board member in the 80's, I fully supported our district as being one of the first to have five-year financial forecast in the face of opposition from fellow board members and the superintendent that it couldn't be done. However, after a public meeting where five different CPA firms all said that we not only could do it, but we needed to do it. The North Olmsted school system then instituted five-year financial planning and has since won numerous financial awards yearly. I felt it was my obligation as a Board member to be fiscally responsible with our taxpayer dollars, and this was a step in the right direction. All districts in Ohio are now required to do it.

I wish Dr. Zalar, Rob Matson, the Board, the administration, the staff and employees excellence in their lives, teaching and learning for the future. I wish you good luck in building the new school. You have a lot of work ahead of you.

Thank you to the community for your support of my candidacy for nine terms and for your support of the children of North Olmsted - in not only supporting the bond levy for the new school, but also for supporting continuing levies for our children's education. It has been a privilege and a rewarding experience for me, and I have been proud and grateful to represent our community.

The only way to have good government is for good people to contribute. I encourage members of the community to run for my remaining two year term on the Board of Education. You only need 75 signatures and must file by August 5 at 4 pm.

WE NEED PEOPLE WHO CARE ABOUT THE CHILDREN TO STEP UP AND RUN FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

In closing, with true appreciation and a sincere goodbye, I hereby resign my seat on the North Olmsted Board of Education effective July 1, 2015.

I will miss you, North Olmsted; and I wish you the very best.

Sincerely,

Joanne DiCarlo

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