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Mr. John O'Hara

Kearny, New Jersey 07032

Dear John,

The Board accepted your retirement effective July 6, 2005 at the July 7, 2005 Special Board meeting.

You have had a brilliant career spanning 35 years as teacher, athletic trainer, webmaster, grant writer, staff developer, public relations coordinator, and lets not forget guidance counselor in the summer. Whatever you do, you put your heart and soul into the project. Time is irrelevant to you. If it takes all night, you are up taking care of it. Your work tirelessly with energy and enthusiasm in the service of others. You are bright, with thought patterns that encompass time and space, that allow you to think outside the box. You have writing skills, oral communication skills, and inner strength to follow your heart, to strike out in new directions, take on new responsibilities all in the context of moving the district to a new and better place.

You are a terrific individual and the epitome of the professional educator. I very much thank you for all you have done for Kearny and its students, and what you have meant in my life. I am forever grateful for giving me my "day in the sun" with the New York City Marathon. It was your students in your Corporation Physics classes who worked on the Marathon project that propelled me over the finish line in my first 26.2 mile adventure.

You leave behind you a rich legacy of competence and affection. I wish you health, and peace in your retirement.

Sincerely,



**Ingrid L. Kiss, Ph.D.
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cc: Mr. Mooney**