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September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Dear School Board of Directors,

After much thought and consideration, I am submitting this letter of resignation as your superintendent effective June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016. This was not an easy decision to arrive at, but it's one that I know is the right choice in the long run for the district. Not only do I feel that a superintendent transition will best serve the La Center School District in the years to come, I also feel it is time for me to seek a change that will help me grow even more both as an educator and as a person.

That said, I hope you know that I love La Center, the people I work with and especially the students we serve. My time here has and continues to be the greatest joy of my professional career. But I believe it is healthy for districts to have superintendent changes periodically so as to help the organization most effectively grow and change as the communities served grow and change. A superintendent serving more than a decade in one district is not very common, so I feel very fortunate to have been afforded this opportunity.

With this decision firmly made that a change is best, I wanted to let you know as early as possible so as to provide you with the greatest amount of time to complete a robust process of reflection and consideration of challenges and opportunities facing the district and the community. This extended time will allow the Board the opportunity to have vital stakeholder conversations about the road ahead; time to find your new superintendent who will help the district thrive throughout the next decade.

In closing, please know that my wife Debbie and I are so very thankful for the generous support we've received over the past ten-plus years we've called La Center home. The experience for us has been remarkable and we truly have cherished the opportunity this community has given us. Wherever we go in life from here forward, there is no doubt in our hearts that La Center will be the measuring stick to which we compare all our future experiences.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Mansell", written over the word "Sincerely,".

Dr. Mark Mansell  
Superintendent