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From: Mike Parker, Superintendent *MP*

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After 41 years in public education, it's time.

What started in a little dusty town in southern Idaho in the fall of 1976 comes to an end in the spring of 2017 in Hoquiam.

Eleven years ago my family and I relocated to Hoquiam from Concrete, Washington to become school Superintendent. In retrospect, the time here flew by and during these years so much has taken place. I am proud to have worked alongside so many capable and caring individuals including administrators, teachers, classified staff and board members. Without team work from all involved, we would not have been able to close a school, create a new school, remodel two schools, reintroduce the Book Mobile, gain high school notoriety as a School of Distinction, pass every M&O levy, create new positions like Dean of Students, Math Coach and Literacy Coach, successfully improve relationships with our unions, hire fabulous employees and radically improve the district's financial status.

These eleven years have been the best of times for me and also some of the most challenging. Combined, however, these experiences have made me a better and stronger leader. I can accept these challenges as I know God had his hand in each and every one.

I leave knowing that the Hoquiam School District is now well positioned to attract a quality replacement.

What will I do next? There are so many options including traveling, consulting in some form or another and just being a husband, Grandpa and Dad.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

M Parker