



Dear SMSA Community,

After careful and thoughtful consideration, I have decided to retire at the end of the current school year. This was a decision that was not easy because of the gifts I have received during my three years with the staff, students, and families of SMSA.

As I reflect on my time here, I feel a sense of pride unlike anything I have ever experienced in my career as a professional educator. I have told many people over the past few years that I am blessed for the opportunity to work in such a positive and supportive learning environment; I truly mean that with all my heart and soul. I do feel that the Ledger Way Core Values are alive and well on the Ledge and I used this as my moral compass to navigate through life's challenges.

You, the staff at SMSA are indeed "professional educators" and what you do each day, truly matters! It has been my honor and privilege to work at your side over the years and especially now, as I complete the final year of my journey. Education is a "people business" and those that are bold enough to make the commitment must possess exemplary skills that help them understand, support, teach, and inspire those that we teach. A good friend of mine once asked about my favorite song lyric, and my response was; "it's the chance of a lifetime, in a lifetime of chance!" Indeed, this has been the chance of a lifetime in a lifetime of chance and I am so very grateful to have had the opportunity to serve on the Ledge.

As a school administrator I have always strived to leave a place better than I found it, and I hope and pray that this is part of my legacy as I move on, to the next chapter of my life. Enriching and practicing my faith at SMSA is one of the greatest gifts I have received; "The steadfast love of the lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. The lord is my portion, says my soul, therefore I will hope in him." Lamentations 3:22-24. Remember me as you may, and know that a piece of my heart and soul will forever remain with you on the Ledge!

God Bless,

Ken Fisher