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Superintendent David Gordon:

This letter is to inform the Sacramento County Office of Education of my intent to resign my office as Board Trustee for Area V, effective July 3, 2013.

Over the past year, I have been honored to serve in this role. I originally ran as a way to bring greater attention to the achievement gap in our county and to bring increased awareness and focus to the work of ensuring that every child has access to an excellent education. This is and will continue to be my professional commitment and my life's work.

At this time, however, I have been given the tremendous opportunity to further this work in Sacramento City Unified School District, having a direct impact on closing the achievement gap for the students of my hometown. While we had originally believed that this would not require my resignation, I have recently learned that my new professional position is incompatible with my board seat.

This was a difficult decision because I care deeply about the important work of the Sacramento County Office of Education. The staff of the County Office is exceptional and I am proud to have been a part of their incredible efforts. However, I also recognize the inherent challenges and conflicts that may continue to arise with my board seat as I both work professionally in education.

I would like to thank my fellow board members as well as Superintendent Gordon for their support and their strong work on behalf of our County's students. I very much look forward to continuing this critical work in supporting our schools, our teachers, and our families.

Best,

Penny Schwinn

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