

# Garretson School District 49-4

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Dear Garretson Elementary Parents and Students,

It is with mixed emotions that I write this letter to inform you of my recent resignation as your school principal. I recently accepted the principal position at St. Michael Elementary School in Sioux Falls and will begin my duties there in July.

While I am excited to begin this next adventure in education, I feel so much sadness in knowing that these next few days will be the last days spent with such a wonderful group of teachers and students. The teachers at Garretson Elementary are some of the very best! Their energy and creativity lead to fun learning opportunities for your children, their love for children is witnessed in their relationships, and their dedication needs to be commended. I have loved leading and learning with this group of professionals and know that their next administrator will as well.

Garretson Elementary students will always hold a special place in my heart. This student body knows nothing different than learning amidst a world-wide pandemic, allowing them to demonstrate true compassion for others and a perseverance like that of no other group of students. They have laughed and cried together, played and argued with one another, celebrated and failed together, but most importantly, learned together. My hope is that I've helped make a positive imprint on their lasting memories of elementary school.

Fortunately, my new position does not require for me to relocate. I will continue to be a part of the Garretson Community, allowing me to maintain the relationships I've made with several families and community members. Garretson is a very generous community, one that I'm proud to have raised my own children in. Thank you, parents, for all of the support you give the school and its teachers. And thank you for sharing your most precious gifts, your children, with me for fourteen years.

I look forward to watching the Garretson Elementary School continue to shine under new leadership. I wish you all the best and thank you again for all you've done to help me grow as an administrator.

My best wishes always,

Teresa Hulscher