

It's been such a privilege to serve the students, staff and families of Snoqualmie Valley. I'm saddened that I won't be able to build on the strong initiatives and changes we started together. In the past year, our list of accomplishments includes improved communications, passing two levies, settling employee contracts, creating programs supporting student and staff well-being, and successfully returning to full time in-person learning. What I've done here is consistent with my well-documented successful 30-year track record in public education.

I will always value the relationships and accomplishments we made during my time as superintendent in Snoqualmie Valley. I'm grateful for the many people who have reached out to me with messages of support and encouragement during this difficult time. This is a caring place, which is part of what drew me here and makes it hard to leave.

It is not unusual for superintendents and boards to have differences in direction and philosophy, but this does not serve our students. Clearly, my style and priorities were not what the SVSD Board wanted. I respect the Board's right to choose who they want to lead the district. It is best for me to move on so that our differences are not a distraction from serving our students and families.

It's disappointing that the Board chose to resort to allegations and personal issues after we already reached an agreement for an amicable separation. Nevertheless, further discussion or debate is not in the best interests of the district. This is already a difficult enough time for me and my family.

I only want the very best for our students and staff in Snoqualmie Valley Schools. This isn't about me, it's about them. I want to be sure my departure does not, in any way, derail or distract from our educators' hard work to serve our students. This is a special community and I consider myself fortunate to have been a part of it. Moving forward, I will continue to focus on my lifelong passion for serving and supporting students, families, and staff in reaching their potential and achieving success.