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Dear Superintendent Hawkins,

With mixed emotions, I am writing to formally notify you that as of 12/10/10 I am resigning from my position as Instructional Strategist for the Cape Elizabeth School Department. After a lot of thought and consideration, I have accepted the position as Assistant Director of Special Services in S.A.D. #22 (Hampden, Winterport, Newburgh), which is in close proximity to my family and in-laws. Since the birth of our son last spring, my husband and I have come to realize how much we need and want our family close by to help raise him. While there is great personal incentive for me to accept this position, I am equally excited about the professional opportunity to expand my role from Strategist, to serve students and support their families on a K-12 level.

I credit my experience here in Cape Elizabeth for giving me much of the knowledge and skills necessary for this advancement. I am so fortunate to work with such an amazing group of educators and specialists. This is a wonderful community and I will miss all the friends I have made here.

I am also inclined to note the tremendous leadership and autonomy afforded to me by my Director, Dominic DePatsy. Over the past four years he has supported me greatly in dealing with, at times, very difficult circumstances at Pond Cove. Upon my entering the District, there were several unknowns about this new position and how it would impact regular and special education staff. I often found myself in the middle of administrative decisions, and discussions between Mr. Eismeier and Mr. DePatsy, and Mr. DePatsy always assured me that I was acting appropriately under the circumstances; he would then attempt to resolve confusion and misunderstandings with the building administrator and staff.

Mr. DePatsy has also afforded me the professional development I have needed to be successful in this position to ensure the best IEP decisions are made for students. Mr. DePatsy is a true leader; he is innovative, creative, and incredibly supportive of his staff, students and families. I credit him and my Instructional Support Team for my success here at Pond Cove and my advancement as Assistant Director in S.A.D. #22.

Throughout the past four years, the first Strategist position transformed from Mr. DePatsy's written proposal to full implementation, and because of the Instructional Support Team, it has worked successfully to support the needs of students and staff.

I thank you for taking time to get to know me and for offering insight and

wisdom in my role as an educator. I will miss the staff and school community, and most certainly, our students. I wish you all the best in your retirement!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Angela Moore". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Angela Moore
Instructional Strategist
Pond Cove Elementary School

Cc: Dominic DePatsy
Andrea Fuller