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Mrs. Mae Lyons
Brooklyn Board of Education Board Chairperson
Brooklyn Public Schools
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Dear Members of the Brooklyn Public Schools Community,

I am writing to formally announce my retirement from the position of Superintendent of the Brooklyn Public Schools, effective June 30, 2024. After an amazing 35 year career in education, I am deeply grateful and honored for the incredible opportunity to serve as the Superintendent of the Brooklyn Public Schools.

My journey to Brooklyn has led me to work in five other districts during the last 34+ years. One of my most cherished moments in Brooklyn is watching teaching and learning, athletic events and observing the kindness exhibited to students by their peers. I have had the pleasure of working alongside dedicated educators and staff, supportive families and hard working and talented students. When I dreamed of becoming a superintendent I stated that my "dream job" would be to work in Brooklyn, and after over six years in Brooklyn I can say that I have lived my dream as an educator. I am incredibly proud of the achievements that we have accomplished together and have seen the hard work continuing this year. "Brooklyn's Best" is hard at work every day and is truly the pride of our community.

I would like to express my gratitude to the entire Brooklyn Public Schools community, including the school board, administrators, teaching and support staff, parents, students, elected officials and community members for their outstanding support. You have created an exemplary school district, your dedication to the future of our students is commendable.

As we look ahead to a busy year, I anticipate many great achievements by our students and staff. I will cherish these successes as I fulfill my professional career as a lifelong educator. I also look forward to assisting with the transition of the next fortunate superintendent of the Brooklyn Public Schools.

My heart is full as I thank you for the extraordinary opportunity to serve the Brooklyn Public Schools. I wish you continued success and prosperity as you provide an exemplary education to "Brooklyn's Best".

Sincerely,



Patricia L. Buell