

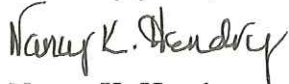
Laurel School
95 Edge Road
Atherton, CA 94027

January 5, 2009

Dear Ken Ranella, the Menlo Park City School District Board of Education,
and all of the Laurel School Community,

At the end of June, after 40 years of enjoying the many colleagues, families and friends within my professional life, I will be leaving the Menlo Park City School District and our Laurel School community to join the community-at-large as a retired educator. My formal educational journey started when I entered Kindergarten, and continued up until this very day, providing me years of valuable learning experiences, beginning with my insightful and loving parents, inspirational teachers, and later in my career by my devoted husband and sons, valued colleagues, supportive friends and thousands of engaging students. I am truly grateful that my career path included being a teacher and an administrator. I feel especially privileged to have served as the Laurel School principal for the past nineteen years. Over the past two decades seeing the Laurel School programs grow responsively for children to meet the challenges within our every changing world has been personally gratifying. I feel extremely proud of the continuing, collaborative efforts within our school community to strive toward our school's vision to accomplish success for all children, which most recently resulted in Laurel School's recognition as a California Distinguished School. As I step away from Menlo Park City School District, I will take with me years of treasured memories and the gift of life-long friendships. Thank you to all who shared in my journey and for all your personal support along the way.

Sincerely yours,



Nancy K. Hendry