Good evening, I am Miriam Kurland, teacher representative for Hampton Education Association. This letter should be included in tonight's Board of Education Special Meeting minutes.

Hampton Education Association June 11, 2012

Dear Chairman of the Board,

H.E.A. members were surprised and dismayed to learn of the early retirement of our longtime principal. We appreciate the dedication she has had to Hampton Elementary School. She will be greatly missed.

We recommend the search for the new principal be thorough. Please be mindful that in the summer the committee will not be able to view the candidates in their work environment and will not have access to their school personnel. HEA requests that we have teacher representation on the search committee. While the search is in place for a new principal, we suggest that Sam Roberson be placed as an interim principal for July and August. She has the necessary certification endorsements and can assume the responsibilities of the position in preparation for the upcoming school year.

Sincerely,