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To: President Scott Winkler and the Board of Education

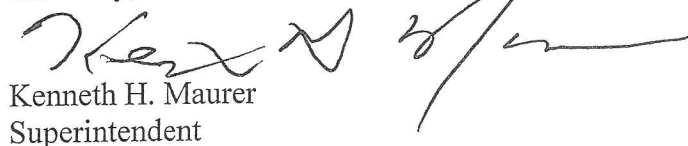
This is one of the most difficult letters I have written in my 23 years at MTHS and my 41 years in education. I want to sincerely thank this Board of Education, the Board that hired me 23 years ago, and all of the Boards in between for giving me the opportunity to work and lead MTHS. I consider it an honor to have worked here. All of the Boards allowed me to make mistakes, take risks, and grow in leading a high school that I consider to be one of the best in the State of Illinois. I could not have done it without top notch teachers, key support staff, and fellow administrators.

I take pride in seeing MTHS listed as one of the top 50 academic high schools in the State. We all know there is much more to being an excellent high school than mere high test scores. No area high school and I doubt very many in the State, can match our commitment to the fine arts and the resulting quality over the years of our bands, choirs, drama productions, and art work. I am so pleased that MTHS chose to expand and move into the 21st century with Project Lead the Way as well as keep traditional vocational classes. Thanks for adopting the belief that the teacher in the classroom makes the difference, and then letting me hire the best. Winning the Mid-Illini All Sports Trophy nine years in a row and having state champion teams highlighted by two last year shows our dedicated teacher-coaches, committed athletes, and emphasis on discipline and hard work.

I am especially appreciative of the support shown by the Board of Education, the community, and staff in adding our classroom addition, air-conditioning all of our classrooms, keeping up with technology, updating our athletic facilities, and in my mind our most important addition of all our 1100 seat auditorium.

Thanks again for allowing me to be the Superintendent of Metamora, the best job in the State of Illinois. I cannot believe I actually got paid to do it. If I could do my career over, I would choose to be an educator and to do it at MTHS. Please accept my resignation/retirement effective June 30, 2011. Thanks again for your support, help, and understanding.

Sincerely,


Kenneth H. Maurer
Superintendent