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James Worth, President
Spring Lake Board of Education
Spring Lake, NJ 07762

Dear Mr. Worth,

Please accept my resignation from the Board of Education effective immediately. My educational values preclude my continuation as a Board of Education member at this time. I believe that innovative programs, responsible budgets, facility repair, and maintenance of professional staff are most important to the education of Spring Lake students.

I wish to thank the community and the school professional family for your support during my years of service.

Thank you

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alan F. Ferraro". The signature is written in dark ink and includes a stylized flourish at the end.

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Dr. Boccuti, Mrs. McCarthy, SLBOE, SL School Community, Citizens of SL,

I would like to take a few moments to offer my thoughts on some issues that have come before the SLBOE over the past year. To begin, I do believe that it is our obligation as board members to serve the public who put us here and to adopt a balanced approach to governance based on all stakeholders' interests. It is incumbent upon us to work together on each issue as it is brought before us and to work hard to incorporate a balance of ideas that are beneficial to both our school and community. In consideration of that point I do feel the time has come for me to speak clearly about some facts.

Over the past several years, under the leadership of Dr. Boccuti and his talented team, there have been many accomplishments that he and his team can be proud of:

- The district's first ever Strategic Plan with input from every stakeholder group in our school and the larger Spring Lake Community
- The district's first ever prioritized Long Range Facility Plan with architect and engineering plans to accompany
- The district's first ever Safety and Security Plan (safety and security was not ever discussed prior to Dr. Boccuti nor ever deemed important enough to find its way onto a board agenda)
- Expansion of the Spanish program to K-8 and achievement of 8th grade placement in H.S. level II Spanish
- Expansion of the Art Program
- Continued support of multiple levels of math including Geometry despite budgetary restraints
- Expansion of Intervention Services to serve an under represented population of our student body and to meet the requirements set forth by the NJDOE
- A plan for expansion of Gifted and Talented with a new emphasis on special talents and development of student portfolios
- Revamping hundreds of district policies and leading the drive to bring policy management into compliance with the adoption of current procedures and tools to update in reasonable timeframes.

These are to name just a few.

Especially noteworthy is that all of these initiatives were accomplished by Dr. Boccuti and his team with responsible fiscal management and respect for maintaining Spring Lake's low tax rate.

Although this statement was not in my original plan, it has become clear that despite these facts, decisions have been made to go in a new direction. I can state clearly that I am in support of being fiscally responsible. I am in favor of supporting the necessary continued capital improvement needs of the school facility. I am in favor of support for right sizing staff in a way which does not impact talented teachers or programs. I am also in support our new board's desire to serve its stakeholders as well as wishing them luck in their new endeavors for our school district.

Finally, I would be remiss to end my statement without thanking the citizens of Spring Lake and the H.W. Mountz School Community for the honor of serving them for 5 ½ years. It has truly been a privilege to work on your behalf and to have your trust in me throughout my term of service. While I reflect with pride on behalf of our wonderful school district and my personal goal of remaining positive, grateful and impactful, I will look forward to continuing to serve the needs of children as I move on to other endeavors. With that, I would like to submit this letter as notice of my resignation from the SLBOE.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine Valori". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Christine Valori