



May 15, 2023

Dear School Families,

After much prayer and discernment, I have submitted my letter of resignation from my position as Superintendent of Schools effective July 31, 2023. Due in large part to some family obligations and circumstances my husband and I are moving “home” to Pittsburgh.

These past four years as Superintendent and the prior two years as Associate Superintendent of Operations, have been filled with great joy, despite some very large challenges. Throughout these past years it has been an honor to serve you all. I am extremely proud of the work our schools have accomplished, especially these last few years.

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Jennifer Bigelow has been appointed Interim Superintendent effective July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. This will allow the Office of Human Resources to conduct a national search for the next Superintendent of Schools to begin July 1, 2024.

Dr. Bigelow knows our diocese and our schools. Prior to serving as the Associate Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction in the Diocese of Richmond from 2019-2022, she was the Superintendent of Schools in the Diocese of Arlington. She has many years of experience in multiple roles in Catholic education in several different dioceses. Dr. Bigelow has the experience and the ability to lead the Office of Catholic Schools and all our schools will benefit from her leadership. She and I will work together throughout July for a seamless transition.

We are blessed in this diocese to have amazing school administrators, faculty, and staff, but also the best students and very supportive parents! I would like to thank all of you for your commitment to Catholic education.

I will always reflect back fondly on my 8 years of service to the Diocese of Richmond. I will keep you and the diocese in my prayers, and I ask for your prayers as I enter this next chapter of my life.

Yours in Christ,

Kelly M. Lazzara  
Superintendent of Schools