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Bloomington, IN 47401

Board of Trustees
Monroe County Community School Corporation
315 East North Drive
Bloomington, IN 47401

October 29, 2009

Dear Fellow Board Members:

As I have already communicated orally, changes in my family situation dictate our being at least for a time out of Bloomington. And although certain details remain unsettled, it is clear that I will not be able in the near-term to give the time and attention to the duties of the school board that I would like.

Therefore, with this letter I am formally declaring my resignation from the Board of Trustees of MCCSC effective October 31, 2009.

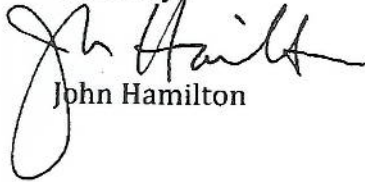
It has been a distinct pleasure and honor to serve with all of you in helping MCCSC move forward and improve. There is little that is more important to our community than the continual progress and excellence of MCCSC in serving our children, youth, and families. As I stated at a recent board meeting, I am particularly aware of opportunities for dynamic change in the context of three factors:

1. Our new superintendent J.T. Coopman brings experience and energy, and the chance to build on our excellent foundation and chart the path to greater success
2. With the new Fairview School opening, MCCSC has the chance to demonstrate very explicitly its commitment to excellence in education for all children, and to explore greater flexibility and choice for families in the public school system, and
3. With the new federal administration's emphasis on public education reform and improvement, there are significant opportunities to pursue at the local level as well.

I leave the board with disappointment that I won't be able to continue to work as directly with you all and Superintendent Coopman on the exciting opportunities ahead. But I am confident the Board and Superintendent will continue the professional and personal commitment to excellence that characterizes our school system and community. You have my unequivocal support and my sincere appreciation for the jobs you will carry on in the months and years ahead.

All best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Hamilton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the name.

John Hamilton

Cc: Superintendent J.T. Coopman