



May 25, 2018

Dear Families,

We often talk about being "lifelong learners" and I will intensify my role as a learner from September until December. During the fall, I will be enrolled as a full-time graduate student, working toward a professional degree that will bolster the work I do with students and families. I am grateful for the support of our Superintendent and Board of Education as I engage in these studies. Although I will miss the children's excitement during the opening of school, I will look forward to my return before the winter holidays.

The selection of a "just right" Interim Principal has been an important part of preparing for my temporary leave. Our school needs someone who values the amazing children, families and staff of Scott M. Ellis. We also need someone who can help us continuously strengthen the excellent programs and opportunities we offer our children. I am pleased to share that Mrs. DuBois has graciously agreed to serve as our Interim Principal.

Many people know that Mrs. DuBois is a Nationally Certified School Counselor, but most do not know that she is also a credentialed classroom teacher, and district administrator. Her skill working with children and adults is remarkable and I am confident that it will be a wonderful opening of the school year under her leadership.

Mrs. DuBois and I will continue to plan together throughout the coming months. Our first task is to recruit a talented interim School Counselor to meet the daily needs of our students. We will also prepare for the transition back to our "regular" roles once my fall courses come to an end.

We understand that people may have questions, please feel welcome to contact me or Mrs. DuBois with any questions or needs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Peter Mahan". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Peter Mahan  
Elementary Principal