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Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Central Schools

*Ensuring
opportunities
for learning,
personal growth
and social
responsibility.*

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Dear Board of Education Members,

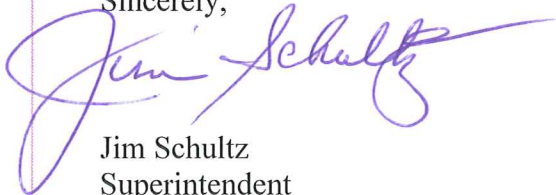
I am asking the Board of Education to approve my retirement from the BH-BL School District. I will retire on June 30th, 2012. For forty years BH-BL has been an integral part of my family beginning with a decision to teach Latin and English at my own Alma Mater. That decision set into motion decades of interacting with students, decades of working with parents to make them feel a part of our team, decades of teaming with exceptionally dedicated staff members and my final decade of working with Boards of Education who were dreamers of what could be for students. My decisions over the years coupled with many of yours will hopefully help to continue the greatness that is BH-BL.

While we are facing a challenging fiscal environment, I am optimistic that Team BH-BL, regardless of the retirement of any one coach or team member, will keep its focus on a comprehensive program that fosters academic excellence and personal growth for all students.

One decision forty years ago set into motion a lifetime of service in a district committed to programs that challenge all students to reach their potential. I am grateful for all of the opportunities I have received as a teacher, supervisor and superintendent. I want to thank the community for the honor of working with your children. I want to thank the Board of Education for the privilege of working together on setting vision and direction for this district. I want to thank all staff for making possible my dream of working side by side with people dedicated to our students' safety, growth and fulfillment as learners.

One decision leads to another and then another. I know this decision will lead to others that will create change and separate me from a job and a district I love, but it will never remove what BH-BL has become for me – my heart.

Sincerely,



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