

February 16, 2005

Dear Colleagues:

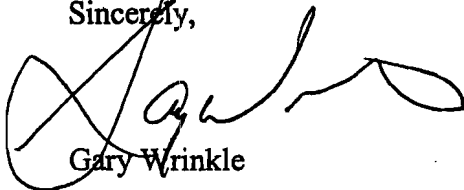
After 22 years in education it is rather difficult to write this letter to you. On one hand I am extremely excited and loaded with anticipation; on the other, I am very apprehensive. I have made the decision to resign my position in LTISD, effective the end of June 2005. I have enjoyed my three years in LTISD. There is little doubt the district is in good shape and is poised to be an even better district in the future under Dr. Kirk's continued leadership.

When I began this position I felt I would be here two years and then move on to a superintendency. Since that time I have begun to realize I have other goals and desires that haven't yet been met and never would be in the school administrative role. That, plus a desire to not uproot my family, has led me to my next steps.

I grew up working in the welding and machine shop industry in my father's business. That innate desire to create and build has never left me. Over the years I have transferred those skills into the art-metal realm by doing ornamental ironwork, sculpture, and functional art. It is in this area that I am taking a leap of faith and planning to begin my own business.

It is in the best interest of the district that I complete this process now. This will provide the best timeline possible for bringing in my replacement. In the meantime, I will continue in my current position and will fill the same role so please call if you need anything. I will support each of you in any way I can. I appreciate the hard work, dedication, support, and camaraderie that each of you brought to the table. I move into the next phase of my life not saddened by leaving, but enriched by the development of a whole new group of friends (and hopefully a few clients!).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary Wrinkle', written over a printed name.

Gary Wrinkle

***"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."  
Jeremiah 29:11***