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Dear LPS Parents and staff:

It's incredible to think that the Class of 2015 will be graduating this week! This has been an amazing school year, and it's hard to believe that it is almost over. From kindergarten through the most advanced courses we offer at the high school level, your students have accomplished so much, and we are so proud!

Recently, we honored a group of high school scholars who have earned prestigious and valuable college scholarships through the National Merit Scholarship Program, Boettcher Scholarship Program, and the Presidential Scholar Program. These are but a few examples of the culmination of 13 years of hard work all of our students have completed. We are so very proud of the Class of 2015!

We also recently honored 51 professionals who are retiring from LPS this year. They represent more than 1,100 years of experience. It's a bitter-sweet time, as we celebrate their contributions to the children of this community while we know we will miss them dearly. LPS is better because of them.

I want to personally thank all of you who supported the LPS Foundation's Spirit Celebration last month. A record-setting attendance of 570 raised more than \$200,000 for the LPS Foundation, which in turn supports teachers in classrooms across the district. I am grateful for this community's outpouring of generosity as \$42,000 was also raised in support of the Foundation's new Scott Murphy Legacy Fund, which will help support mental health intervention in our schools.

We welcome the new LPS Superintendent Brian Ewert to the district; Brian is currently the superintendent in Englewood Public Schools. I've had the pleasure of working with him as a superintendent of a neighboring district, and I am confident that he is a great fit for LPS. Some of you may have had the pleasure of meeting Brian already, as he has been attending PTO, school accountability, and staff meetings across the district. Brian will officially take the helm July 1.

In my nearly 40 years of education, I've never been more proud of parents, students, and employees as I am today. We continue to celebrate our successes, and we move forward through our challenges together. We understand that while academic achievement is our focus, nothing is more important than the well-being of our students and community.

As I enter retirement and a new phase of my life, I want you to know that I am deeply honored to have been a part of the outstanding LPS family. I will miss all of you, and I wish the very best for you and your family.

Respectfully,

Scott Murphy
Superintendent