

July 3, 2009

Southgate Independent School District  
Mr. Jim Palm, Superintendent  
6 William Blatt and Evergreen Aves.  
Southgate, KY 41071

Dear Mr. Palm and School Board Members,

It is with great sadness and a heavy heart that I submit my letter of resignation. This decision has not come easy nor without great thought and consideration. I have recently become engaged and making plans to move to Elizabethtown, Kentucky. The decision to not return next school year has been solely driven by the custody agreements my fiancé and I have with the other parent of our 5 children. Had it not been for that, I would be remaining in Northern Kentucky and my fiancé would be relocating.

I am committed to continuing my active engagement in the processes and planning for the 2009-2010 school year to ensure a smooth and thorough transition occurs for you, our faculty and staff, and the students. It is my desire to continue working through the month of July, 2009, if the school board sees fit.

Southgate is an incredible place and I wish I could pick it up and carry you all with me to E-Town. Thank you, again, for all you have done for me, our school, the community, and the students of Southgate Independent School.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Michele M. Kells". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michele" being more prominent and the last name "Kells" following in a similar style.

Michele M. Kells  
171 Eagle Creek Drive  
Dry Ridge, KY 41035