

February 28, 2021

Dear Albuquerque Board of Education,

It is with regret that I must withdraw my candidacy for the position of Superintendent of the Albuquerque Public Schools. While I was excited to potentially make the move to New Mexico, recent personal matters have underscored the importance of remaining local at this time.

Please know that as I prepared for the selection process over the past several weeks, including meeting with several colleagues familiar with APS, I became increasingly motivated by the collaborative leadership work that the Board has outlined. From centering equity and investing in ambitious instruction to making strategic use of resources, APS is clearly committed to achieving academic excellence.

Thank you for the honor of considering me as a candidate for this critical position; I wish the Board and the APS community all the best in your continued pursuit of student success.

Respectfully,



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