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Dear EGRPS Families,

As some of you are aware, there have been many changes that have occurred within the Kent Intermediate School District (Kent ISD) during the last three months. With these recent changes, several leadership opportunities to join the Kent ISD Special Education Team have become available to interested individuals. It is with mixed emotions that I am writing to let you know that I have accepted the position as the new Transition Coordinator and Special Education Supervisor for the Kent ISD.

Serving as the Transition Coordinator and Special Education Supervisor for the county will provide the opportunity for me to not only have a positive impact on the education and post-secondary vision of students within EGRPS, but provide those same opportunities to students throughout Kent County. The goal of the team at the Kent ISD is to develop and provide the best educational outcomes for all students within Kent County.

Although I am extremely excited about this opportunity, I will sincerely miss working with the students and families of East Grand Rapids. I have truly enjoyed my time as a classroom teacher, building administrator, and Director of Special Education for EGRPS. We have an exceptional team of teachers, service providers, and paraeducators that will continue to provide incredible opportunities for children with disabilities within our district. I would like to especially thank the EGRPS Board of Education, our team of outstanding administrators, and the entire staff of EGRPS for their incredible support over my 13 years of service in this district.

It should be noted that a change in my position will not cause a change in your child's special education programming and/or service. All decisions regarding special education programming and service provisions are completed through the IEP process. During the interim period, I will continue to work within EGRPS to ensure that the transition in special education leadership will not impact our students. Additionally, further information regarding the appointment of a new Director of Special Education will be communicated directly to families when available.

Sincerely,



William Behrendt
Director of Special Education