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Dear Rousseau Families:

It is with very mixed emotions that I share with you the following news: Next week I will be starting a new chapter in my teaching career as a Reading Specialist for the Board. While this role is the right next step for me, it comes before our school year is done and requires a large step away from my comfort zone; my kindergarten classroom at Rousseau. It is not easy for me to make this change, or to make it at this time, but if there's one thing I learn from my students every day, it's courage to try something new, and that's what I'm doing.

I will be returning at end of day for all Mary Poppins rehearsals, and to see the show through, which may ease the transition for me a bit.

It's been an honour and a privilege to teach here, with families like you, and children like the ones I have spent my days with. I have been at Rousseau for 14 years. I began in kindergarten, spent three years in grade 2, four years in grade 4, and am now in my fifth back in kindergarten. My own daughters attended Rousseau, and my husband was also a student here. I live in this community, and consider many parents and staff my personal friends. I love knowing the younger siblings coming through, love getting hugs from the older ones who have moved on, love being able to call all of Rousseau by name. Honestly, I could stay forever, but "Life begins just beyond your comfort zone," (Neale Donald Walsch).

So I'm taking a leap.

Thank you for all your support over the years.

Sincerely,

Janet Raymond