

January 20, 2011

School Board  
Woodland Public Schools  
800 Third Street  
Woodland, WA

Dear Board Members:

I am requesting a three-month leave of absence to participate in an Educational Administration Internship with the option to return sooner if all requirements are met sooner. I attempted to obtain this leave earlier but was refused the opportunity by my building administrator. As I told her at that time I do not feel I can accumulate the needed administrative skills that are required while managing a classroom. Teaching is more than a full time job for me and I will always put the needs of my students first when choosing how to allocate my time. This leaves me little time to attend to administrative duties.

I would be glad to continue to spearhead the revamping of the math curriculum. This would include attending all scheduled upcoming training sessions and continuing my duties as a member of the design team shared by the Woodland and Evergreen School Districts.

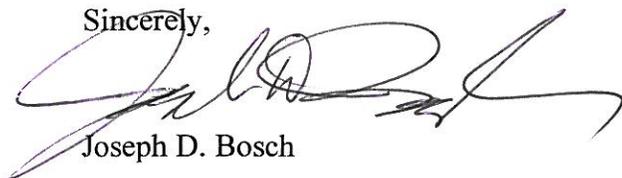
I feel that my request is not unreasonable and that I have earned the right to ask for a return on my efforts in the district. For five and a half years I have donated my lunchtime so my classroom can be a haven for students who have a hard time surviving the regular lunch routines. Many students come in for a place to catch up on homework, read, play games, or just to hang out. The counselor often directs students to my room as a safe place to go. The middle school also uses my lunchtime as an official accommodation.

I have requested that I be given behavioral and academically challenged students as Teachers Assistants during my prep time. Every year I have run Saturday study halls for athletes from September to December. I volunteer as a middle school track coach and drive player vans for high school sports. If you haven't seen me at the football concession stand it is because you haven't been to a home game. I have donated more time to the district than I am requesting for this leave.

La Center has tentatively offered me the opportunity to work as an intern in their district. La Center understands my commitments to the Woodland Middle and High School math curriculum and is willing to make accommodations.

I hope you will do the same

Sincerely,



Joseph D. Bosch

