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Dear Everett School District friends,

It has been my most proud privilege and honor to have served our Everett School District community in my position as school board member since 1999. This letter is to inform everyone at the same time that I intend to retire from the board at the conclusion of my second term this fall.

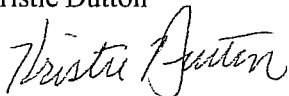
When I started my board work, our three girls were at View Ridge Elementary, Evergreen Middle School and Everett High. I am proud to have served during the completion of their school careers and shake their hands (and give big hugs!) at their graduations. A month ago, our youngest graduated from the University of Washington and her older sisters have also successfully completed their college careers. Therefore, it seems a fitting time to close this chapter of my volunteer life.

I am thankful that I will be able to continue my advocacy for each student with my work at the Everett Public Schools Foundation. It is my wish to continue building the scope and influence of the Foundation by working with our community to coalesce around the goal of helping each of our students have the opportunities and resources they need to be successful.

In the meantime, we have a whole lot of great work left to accomplish together! I know that the people who make up our Everett Public Schools will continue in the proud tradition of excellence that is the hallmark and pride of our now 120 year old institution. This confidence is what helps me make this transition with a peace of mind and heart.

Thank you for all that you do each and every day to serve our students!

Kristie Dutton



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