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After giving a dozen years, Kristie Dutton will retire from school board ***Dutton has served two terms on the board and will not run for a third in November***

Kristie Dutton announced on Tuesday that she will not run for another term as a member of the Everett Public Schools Board of Directors.

She read from a letter addressed to [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 Dutton started her school board work, her three daughters were at View Ridge Elementary, Evergreen Middle and Everett High. She was able to help guide school district work and achievements during her daughters' school years and even shake their hands ("and give big hugs!") when each of them graduated. She noted that stepping down from the board now is fitting as her youngest daughter has just graduated from the University of Washington – following in the success of her elder sisters who also have earned college degrees.

"Six years ago, when I ran for the board, I thought carefully about whether this would be my last term, knowing where my children would be at its end. I have thoroughly enjoyed the work of this board, and have seen each day of this term as another way of making lasting and meaningful contributions to this community."

Dutton's term will end at the first school board meeting in December, when a new board member, duly elected in the November election will take her place.

Stepping down from her board role does not mean Dutton's presence and influence will leave the district. "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."

Board President Ed Petersen resisted considering a time when Dutton would not be working on the board, saying, "We won't even talk about how much we are going to miss you."

Dutton responded, "Thinking about leaving, even so far in advance, is difficult, but it is made easier because of the confidence I have in the work of the board and of district staff and the proven track record of support the community shows for its students and schools."

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