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Open letter to Students, Staff, Parents/Guardians, Community members, Governors and Tribal Leaders.

It was with a heavy heart I submitted my **"Notice of Retirement"**, as Superintendent for the Santa Fe Indian School (SFIS), to the Santa Fe Indian School Board of Trustees, **effective upon the completion of my current contract which expires June 30, 2021.** The Trustees have formally acknowledged my "Notice of Retirement".

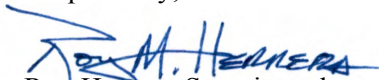
I have been your Superintendent since June 1, 2013. I plan to retire after investing many quality years in educational service to students. I have worked in education for over **four (4) decades (44 years)** and since my college graduation in May 1977 when I got my first position with the Carlsbad Municipal Schools. I have had a wonderful career spanning two (2) states (New Mexico and Washington) holding many education positions as a Teacher, Coach, College Professor, and various Administrative positions. (Superintendent for 9 years with PED schools and 8 years with the Santa Fe Indian School). All of them positive. Many outstanding relationships and memories have been made through those years... those friendships and memories will always be cherished.

Working for the Santa Fe Indian School (SFIS) has been the highlight of my educational career. In June 2021 I will have enjoyed eight (8) years with SFIS. It has been an honor to have been the 3rd Superintendent of the Santa Fe Indian School. I want to greatly thank my Program Planner Yvette Aguilar, the Admin team, all of our staff and BOT for support through the years and wish each the highest and warmest blessings for their families, the good SFIS work moving forward, and the continued success of the Santa Fe Indian School. SFIS is surely a Premier Institution recognized by many as a key "Leader in Indian Education".

I am sure there will be additional work needed to transition from my leadership to the next. Please stay positive and continue to pray for the well-being of our precious Santa Fe Indian School, students, staff, parents, communities we serve, the BOT, the BIE and our nation. I will support whatever is needed by me to ensure a positive transition.

Students, please view and embrace my example of the **"love for education"** to be an encouragement for you to follow your dreams/passions. Give 100% of what you have daily to your dream and that will help ensure your success no matter what path you take in your life. Your life matters. All of our students, staff, parents/guardians, community members, Governors and Tribal Leaders, Board of Trustees and those supporting SFIS have made a great contribution/memory to me and those contributions/memories will be long lasting friendships. I am so proud of you, your families and your communities. Live long and prosper.

Respectfully,


Roy Herrera, Superintendent