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Board President Hansen:

After a long and difficult deliberation, I made the decision not to seek an extension of my three-year contract with Sacramento City Unified School District. My present contract runs through June 30, 2017 and it is my intent to honor and fulfill the remainder of that agreement. During the next six months, I will continue to lead the district and provide assistance in the transition to new leadership. I feel it appropriate to make this announcement at this juncture to provide the Board ample time to engage in a thorough process of recruiting and hiring the next superintendent of Sacramento City Unified.

It has been a privilege and honor to serve the staff, students, families and community of Sacramento City Unified these past two and half years. I appreciated the faith, trust, and opportunity the Board provided me to lead the district during this time. I have developed wonderful relationships with staff and community members. I have witnessed amazing actions by dedicated adults in support of our students and families. I am proud that in my time in the district we have moved the district toward fiscal solvency by developing and maintaining positive budgets, developed a model LCFF/LCAP budget process, implemented full Class Size Reduction in grades K-3, developed a five-year Strategic Plan with specific and measurable objectives that focus on closing the opportunity gap and expanding our work with families, created an Equity Department that expanded Social Emotional Learning and added Restorative Practices and Positive Behavioral Intervention Strategies, reopened or repurposed several closed schools sites, developed a showcase innovation school at Washington Elementary with a focus on STEAM, expanded wireless internet capabilities to all schools, introduced Ethnic Studies as part of our high school curriculum and implemented a focused teacher recruitment effort that resulted in the hiring of over 230 teachers for the 2016-17 school year. We also restored support service staff including counselors, nurses, psychologists, and custodians.

Sacramento City Unified has incredible staff at all levels and a Board committed and dedicated to improve outcomes for all of our students. I am extremely proud to have been a member of the team. It has truly been an honor to serve.

Sincerely,

José L. Banda