

Dear WPS Families:

I want to let you know that I will be leaving the Westwood Public Schools at the end of the school year to take a new position as Executive Director of The Education Cooperative (TEC). While it is a difficult decision to leave Westwood, a community that I cherish, at this stage of my career, I've decided to make a big change, take on a new professional challenge, and make some adjustments that will be good for me and for my family.

I have been privileged to work in the WPS for 28 years with thoughtful, skilled colleagues who care deeply about students and with School Committee members who keep what is best for students in the forefront of decision-making. The work has been challenging, engaging, and meaningful. I truly appreciate the ways that families support the District and the sense of partnership that exists between families and school. From the first day of preschool or kindergarten to the final celebration at graduation, I have enjoyed seeing your children learn and grow into remarkable young adults.

The School Committee will be in touch soon with information about the process to identify the next superintendent. In the meantime, there is lots of important work to do in the WPS in the next 6 months, and I will dedicate myself to it fully!

With gratitude,

Emily Parks
Superintendent