



TALAWANDA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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It is with mixed emotions that I send this letter. After working in education for the past 33 years, it is time to retire. During this time, I've worked with thousands of students, taught them, listened to them, loved them and certainly watched them grow. It has been a pleasure observing the students and learning what motivates them to learn and succeed. It is obvious that our students, staff, and families are dedicated, hardworking, and successful.

As I leave, I'm proud of the quality of staff hired over the years and the variety and rigor of the programs and courses we offer in Talawanda School District. I'm extremely proud that Talawanda was one of the first districts in Southwest Ohio to offer K-12 STEM and 1:1 technology. In addition, we will be the first to have one social worker assigned to each elementary school to assist with therapeutic needs. Beginning next year, you will also find that one school resource officer will be assigned to every building. I'm confident that Talawanda will continue to provide our students with an optimal learning environment, and an excellent education embedded in real world experiences which will provide our youngsters with the necessary skills needed to compete in this global economy.

I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve you, the students, and this community. I'm leaving this great profession after experiencing working in the best school district in the state of Ohio. It is my hope that the Talawanda students use their talents to serve others and to make this world a better place!

Best wishes to everyone in all future endeavors!

Kelly Spivey
Superintendent