

Dear Ms. Reyes:

I want to thank you for the remarkable opportunity to serve the children of the Madison Metropolitan School District. I write to you with interminable personal conflict and grief.

My excitement and anticipation of leading Madison Metropolitan School District was the greatest challenge in my 18 years of education. It was an opportunity I thought I might never receive, and was to be the pinnacle of my career.

Then Covid-19 appeared, and everyone's world has turned upside down. I know the difficulties and adjustments due to the pandemic must be all the more difficult in a major metropolitan city like Madison. But the complications of a town like Seguin in creating an online education system in thirty days and working with the community to protect everyone, to provide everyday sustenance, and the sudden necessity of coordinating in a manner that not only educates but saves and sustains lives has changed my role as superintendent of a small school district from a title and a job to something far more personal; we have become an interdependent family. This crisis will extend beyond the current circumstances, there will be a recovery period in a community significantly impacted.

As much as I recognize that becoming the superintendent of Madison Metropolitan School District would be a tremendous promotion, and that some day I might come to regret the loss of the opportunity, I just cannot leave Seguin Independent School District at this time. It is with my deepest regret that I must withdraw my acceptance of the honor of becoming Superintendent of Schools and tender my resignation consistent with local board policy 8011.

I personally thank you for the opportunity you have offered, the kindness you have shown me, and extend my best wishes in safety, health, and the future of the Madison Metropolitan School District.

Sincerely,

Matthew Gutierrez