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Greetings Most Amazing Roosevelt Parents:

My first year here, I referred to Roosevelt as my family. It is hard to believe that this is my eleventh year and my love for this family has grown. My appreciation for its kindness, strong work ethic, and resilience has deepened over the years. The journey we've traveled together on this school bus of life has been both challenging and fun. Now the road is changing course as often happens in our journey through life.

Upon entering the doors of Roosevelt School, one will see students and staff learning, smiling, working together and enjoying the process of growth and change. Culture and traditions are imbedded in Roosevelt School. Student activities are an important part of that culture. Activities such as our Annual Canned Food Drive, Back to School Night, Movie Night, Roosevelt's "Rough Rider Gallop," and we can't forget our Amazingly Wacky 50's Sock Hop! This year our PTO has allowed us the opportunity to enjoy our fabulous, brand new playground.

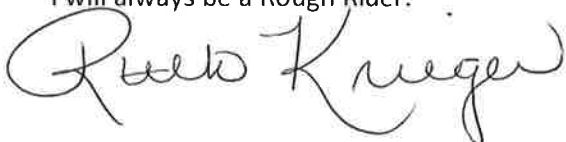
I continue to be amazed and thrilled by the enthusiasm and excitement for learning that each student brings to school. We may sit squished two or three people to a seat; we may sit next to people very different from ourselves, and the road may be rocky at times; but this family is on the bus together and we're heading in the same direction. Listen carefully as it drives by. You'll hear singing.

As I reflect back on this year I find myself agreeing with Richard Beswick when he says, "Much of our work as educators is like farming: We plant the seeds and do our best to promote their growth. Sometimes the seeds fall to fertile ground, sometimes they fall on rock, and sometimes they fall where we do not intend. Sometimes we find growth in surprising places. So we as educators must learn to plant the seeds and be prepared to assist our students to grow."

Just as our students learn and grow and travel away from us as their path in life unfolds, our paths as educators also shift as the years go by. My family situation has called me in recent months. With aging parents in Montana and Idaho I find supporting from a distance will no longer work. I must travel back home to offer my love and support. It is a path with heart, just as the path to support all your wonderful children has beckoned to me over the years. June 30th will be my last day as your leader here at Roosevelt. A part of me is saddened to leave you as we have so many goals yet to accomplish in our second semester together. Your support has been so valuable, yet I need to ask that you continue to work with me as parents in our very special Roosevelt family as we work to reach our attendance goals; as we continue to improve our two-way communication; as we work together to help our students continue to reach higher standards each and every day.

Being your leader here at Roosevelt the past eleven years has truly been a blessing. I will take with me to Montana so many fond memories of your children, their accomplishments and our work together.

I will always be a Rough Rider:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ruelo Krueger". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.