



Statement from the Danvers School Committee Regarding Superintendent, Dr. Lisa Dana

Dr. Lisa Dana has informed the School Committee that she will retire on August 31, 2022. She made this decision after a great deal of reflection while out on medical leave.

Dr. Dana has had a long, productive, and beneficial relationship with the district, and we support her decision. Dr. Dana has been with Danvers Public Schools for 32 years and served as superintendent for nearly 18 years. She is currently the longest serving superintendent on the North Shore.

Dr. Dana began her tenure as superintendent leading the district through the unexpected death of her predecessor. She oversaw the construction of three new school buildings and led three strategic plans with each being more focused on the mission and vision of the district.

Dr. Dana and her team supported the families affected by the Danversport explosion and the influx of families that came to the district as a result of the state program housing homeless families in local hotels. She led students, staff, and the community through our most painful time when math teacher, Colleen Ritzer was murdered and then again through a pandemic that required an entirely new approach to education.

Dr. Lisa Dana worked to develop a solid administrative team as well as faculty and staff that are focused on educating and supporting the students of Danvers. We know they remain committed to the district as we begin to search for our next superintendent.

We thank Dr. Dana for her many contributions and wish her a happy and healthy retirement.

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