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To Our Marion Families,

Last night, I attended the Kenny Chesney concert at CMAC. “Don’t Blink” is one of my favorite songs that he sings. When I started my career in education, 30 years seemed like a lifetime. Now that I’m 32 years into it, I can’t believe how fast it went. Instead of following Kenny’s advice, I must have blinked.

Now, before I blink again, it’s time for me to move on to the next chapter in my life. At the Board of Education meeting on June 13th, the Board will be taking action on my resignation for purposes of retirement. My last official day as Superintendent will be July 8th.

It has been an absolute honor and privilege to serve as the Marion Superintendent. The dedication, pride and commitment I’ve experienced in this learning community is unmatched. “Students are at the heart of what we do” is evident everywhere you look. I will always wear my black and orange with pride and gratitude.

Our Board of Education and I share a common goal of providing stable leadership for our organization as this transition occurs. To provide continuity in leadership, the plan is to change my position from Superintendent of Schools to Interim Superintendent on July 12, 2022. At that time, the Board of Education will embark on a comprehensive search for the new Superintendent of Schools. It is my intent to continue in the position of Interim Superintendent as long as it takes to find the best possible candidate to replace me. We anticipate that timeframe to be somewhere between January 31, 2023 and June 30, 2023.

With Black Knight Pride,

*Don Bavis*