



**San Pasqual**  
**Union School District**  
*The Little School in the Valley*

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**Shannon Hargrave, Superintendent**

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Dear San Pasqual Community,

I'm writing to let you know that I informed the Board tonight of my plans to retire at the end of the school year.

This was a difficult decision to make, and one that comes after careful consideration and heartfelt gratitude for the extraordinary opportunity to be a part of this wonderful community. I love this district and have enjoyed enormous support from the community and the Board of Education. I feel incredibly fortunate to have spent the last five years working with a great team of parents and staff on behalf of students here at the 'Little School in the Valley.'

Together, we've been able to build great partnerships. From the Red Barn Arts to the SAGE garden program to our fantastic parent teacher organization and foundation, we have built a support system that unites and enriches the student learning environment.

The work of district staff in this process cannot be understated. I'd like to thank you for being responsible and collaborative members of our learning community. Together everyone achieves more," and at San Pasqual Union, we have achieved a lot, as shown recent by recognitions by the California Music Education Association and the California School Boards Association.

San Pasqual students are delightful, and I'm so proud of their work. Their test scores are above the county averages in both English language arts and math. More importantly, though, they are living our mission, building and displaying character, confidence, knowledge, and skills to prepare them to be competent life-long learners who can achieve individual excellence.

I've always believed that community is what makes a difference for kids, and you are living proof of that truth. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of the community.

Sincerely,  
Shannon