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PUSD Director of Communications Announces Retirement

Today Dr. John Collins, Superintendent, sent the following communication to all District staff announcing the retirement of Sharon Raffer, Director of Communications:

Dear Team PUSD,

It is with mixed emotion that I share the following information. Today I accepted Sharon Raffer's letter of retirement from Poway Unified School District, effective February 1, 2013. After more than seventeen years of fine service as our District's Director of Communications, Sharon has decided it is time for her to enjoy retirement and the pursuit of other passions.

Whether our District was dealing with wildfires, floods, organizational successes, personnel transitions, personal celebrations, or national tragedies, Sharon has been the person most responsible for sharing the news with students, staff, parents, PTA's, the media, and the larger community. As Sharon shared in her letter of retirement to me, "I have loved being a cheerleader for public education and PUSD." I know we all agree that her positive energy and passionate commitment to always do what is best for students and the District will be missed.

Of course, I am also excited for Sharon as she takes on what I'm sure will be a very active retirement. On behalf of the Board of Education and the entire Poway Unified School District I extend our sincere gratitude to Sharon for her service and wish her the very best for an exciting and fulfilling retirement.

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