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Dear OUES Parents,

Andra Barton resigned as principal of Old Union Elementary School today, April 10. This resignation is effective immediately. As you know, the school's attorneys were looking into records management, testing procedures and the environment at Old Union. Carroll ISD reported this situation to the Texas Education Agency earlier in March. In the coming days, additional facts regarding the findings of the investigation will be provided in more detail. After consultation with TEA officials, I intend to hold a meeting with Old Union parents to discuss the District's plan of action.

Rest assured that Carroll ISD will work with TEA on any corrective measures that might be necessary. While some of the details surrounding this situation will remain confidential as a personnel matter, we expect a written report of findings from the school attorney by week's end. Know that Carroll ISD will continue to act in the best interest of students – holding true to our core values, state and federal laws and working with parents and staff to provide an environment that fosters excellence for all students.

Once again the news media began posting information on their websites within minutes of the resignation. This makes it extremely difficult, and often even impossible, to ensure that we can effectively communicate details to you as parents, as well as our staff, before they become public.

Central Administrators met with the Old Union staff at the end of the work day today. This letter is being posted to the OUES campus website, and will be mailed to each family as quickly as possible. Lori Allison will continue in an administrative support role and will work with Counselor Dana Fanguie to announce the resignation in brief, age-appropriate discussions with Old Union students on Friday.

Please continue to work with Mrs. Allison and the staff at Old Union to maintain a stable, positive learning atmosphere for the students at Old Union Elementary.

More details about CISD's plans for filling the principal vacancy will be forthcoming. Please know this process will involve parent and staff input from your campus.

Thank you for your support during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

David J. Faltys, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools