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Dear SLLIS Family,

It is bittersweet to let you know that I am moving and will be leaving the board. As a former teacher, and school administrator, being on the board of SLLIS as a member and chair, allowed me to continue my passion for education and work to make a difference in the lives of children. Whenever I visited the school, and met students, staff, and parents, I always felt a sense of pride and joy. It was contagious and coming from all of you. As you performed at school events, worked in the classrooms, played at the school BBQ, and beamed with excitement at graduation, the personality of SLLIS as a school shined. SLLIS is a school of adventure into other languages and cultures, a school of community and building friendships, a school of dedication and effort to learning, and a school designed to give opportunities and share guidance to a good future. SLLIS truly is a place of learning and joy!

While on the board, I saw the school grow and go through changes, including remodeling, restructuring, and expanding to add more options for a bilingual education to more students. I saw teachers, staff, administrators work diligently to meet the needs of students and families. I saw parents come together to share ideas and find opportunities for their children to have new experiences at SLLIS. I watched the school flourish even in times of change. SLLIS has grown and continues to grow and improve as it always looks for how to be better and provide a rigorous bilingual education. The dedication of your school community is impressive and worth celebrating!

The board has worked and continues to work diligently to provide guidance and support to the school. You are fortunate to have a board that has diverse talents, and dedicated volunteers who work well together to share ideas, resources, passion, and support upholding the mission and ideals that SLLIS was founded upon. SLLIS is unique in that it is truly a charter school that was founded by individual concerned citizens who wanted to provide a bilingual education opportunity to the children of St. Louis. I am so proud to have been a part of the SLLIS community and a member of the board.

My hope is that the school becomes known across Missouri and other states as a beacon of excellence in bilingual education. Knowing all of you, I have no doubt that SLLIS has a fabulous future ahead! Thank you again for allowing me to be a part of your community!

Trudy Ingalls