

Craven County Board of Education

Subject: Resignation from the Craven County Board of Education

Dear Members of the Board, Superintendent, and all Craven County School Staff,

Effective Monday, February 10th, I formally submit my resignation as a member of the Craven County Board of Education. After much prayer, reflection, and counsel, I have come to the realization that it is time for me to step away and refocus on the priorities God has set before me — my faith, my family, and my ministry.

Serving on this board has been both an honor and a challenge. When I stepped into this role, I did so with a heart for our students, educators, and the future of our community. However, the nature of this environment within the board has turned what should be a part-time service into an all-consuming battle. The relentless time it takes to be on this board has drained energy and time that rightfully belong to my family and ministry.

As the Word of God teaches, we must be wise stewards and discern when and where to share the valuable parts of ourselves, including our faith, wisdom, energy, and time. My calling to serve the community is greater than this position, and it has become abundantly clear that my service is needed elsewhere. Those closest to me have affirmed the differences between the role for which I was elected versus the role in this environment, which takes too a great toll on my family and ministry. I cannot allow that to continue.

I leave this position confident in God's calling for my life. I trust that He is leading me toward greater things, and I step forward with peace in knowing that my decision is best for me and my family. My hope is that this board will find a way to work together in truth and integrity for the sake of the students we were elected to serve.

Thank you to those who have supported me along the way. I will continue to pray for our schools, our students, and for strong leadership that truly prioritizes what is best for our community.

Sincerely,

Scott Murphy, Board Chair

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