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Dear Diversity Committee Member:

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with an important update regarding the Verona School District's Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee and our originally scheduled remaining work together for the 2020-2021 school year.

On May 12th, we received notification of the retirement of David Schwartz from his educational consulting work. This personal decision of Mr. Schwartz's is effective immediately and necessitates that we unfortunately must cancel our remaining meetings for this year. We remain committed to this work and look forward to re-engaging with all of our stakeholders in the 2021-2022 school year so that we may build off of the important foundational work we began in March and April of 2021.

As an administrative team, our next steps will include commencing a careful and comprehensive search for our next diversity and equity consultant who will help lead us forward in our work together in 2021-2022. We kindly ask that you provide us with your feedback on the qualities, characteristics, and experiences that are most desired as we interview our next diversity and equity consultant. We have included the following [link to a survey](#) to collect your feedback.

We once again wish to thank you for your interest, initiative, and commitment to this work and truly hope to retain your service in the months ahead. Please feel free to reach out to us with any questions.

Sincerely,

Steve Schels

Dr. Charles Miller