



# PLYMOUTH-SHILOH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Shiloh Elementary School parents and PSLD community members,

I would love to thank many people for the opportunity to be part of your world these last five years. I have always believed public schools should be places of learning, excitement, and community. When I considered leaving my last job, Plymouth was the only place I applied to. I wanted a place to call home through the end of my career. I saw a place with the potential to be that. We started with a D rating, this past year we finished with a 4.5/5 stars. We will hit 5 stars!

This growth does not come without a huge amount of teamwork and desire to make students the center of our world. I don't have enough space to thank all of the people who have made these changes possible, but I hope you as a community continue to support them. Mr. Turson and The Board of Education have given me a lot of space and support to encourage changes in discipline, curriculum, and culture. Mrs. Green, Coach Cook, and the Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center have been key leaders in providing teachers the opportunity and resources through the Striving Reader's grant and the CLSD grant to retrain and provide teachers new skills, supplies, and support. Teachers have led this change as part of our Building Leadership Team. Our former (Sue Snyder) and current Special Education Director Alex Sharick for sticking with the vision to revamp how we service students with needs. Mrs. Michelle Blair who has led our school-wide Multi-Tiered Systems of Support team to help students with academic struggles. Ms. Creveling, Mrs. Garrett, and Miss Rader for leading our Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support team to help students and staff create a BIG RED culture to encourage Respect, Empathy, and Determination. Mrs. Bonnie Stine, our union vice president, has worked with me to keep side issues from being a distraction, and with Mrs. Toni Zehe, who has given Plymouth a 5 star Pre-School. I cannot say enough, what a great job our maintenance team has done keeping our students safe and our building open during the COVID pandemic. While others closed, we thrived. Thank you to the flexible Special teachers and special education teachers who changed daily to support student learning. I sincerely appreciate our PTO leadership: Mrs. Montgomery, Mrs. James, Mrs. Putt for always being there to support the kids and our mission. Thank you to Mrs. Lynn Baker for providing Lifewise as an option, CACY- Community Action for Capable Youth, and Family Life counseling for providing support services for our students. Thank you to each and every current and former teacher. Lastly, Mrs. Kennard (School Secretary) and Mrs. Grove (Nurse) I cannot thank you sufficiently for your support.

Sadly I will be announcing to your children that I will be taking a leave of absence and hope to return next year. As many know, I was diagnosed with leukemia in 2020. Recently some neurological issues have made it difficult for me to take care of your children the way I want to. There is a plan in place to support the school with Mr. Sharick, an experienced Principal sliding over for me. Mrs. Zehe will be adding Special Education Director duties to her Pre-K duties. I could not have asked for better human beings to take care of your children moving forward. Please continue to support them; and as always, we need volunteers to help our PTO keep Shiloh Elementary the special place it is.

Go Big Red! Make yourselves and your families proud.

David Gilbert  
Shiloh Elementary Principal

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