

Dear Foothill Teachers, Administration, Staff, Parents and Students,

I want you all to know I was not seeking a new job. I never planned on leaving Foothill. Please know that my decision to take this new position was an extremely difficult one. The hardest part is leaving my Foothill family. I care about each of you and will miss you dearly. As I think about how to say goodbye, the words from the musical "Wicked" keep coming to my mind. So I leave my feelings with these words:

"For Good" by Stephen Schwartz

I've heard it said, That people come into our lives,
For a reason.
Bringing something we must learn.
And we are lead,
To those who help us most to grow if we let them.
And we help them in return.
Well I don't know if I believe that's true.
But I know I'm who I am today, because I knew you.
Like a comet pulled from orbit, as it passes a sun.
Like a stream that meets a boulder, half-way through the wood.
Who can say if I've been changed for the better,
But because I knew you,
I have been changed for good.

It well may be, that we will never meet again,
In this lifetime.
So let me say before we part,
So much of me,
Is made of what I learned from you.
You'll be with me, like a handprint on my heart.
And now whatever way our stories end,
I know you'll have rewritten mine, by being my friend.
Like a ship blown from it's mooring, by a wind off the sea.
Like a seed dropped by a sky bird, in a distant wood.
Who can say if I've been changed for the better,
But because I knew you...
Because I knew you...

I have been changed for good.

Thank you for ten amazing years,

Mrs. Rocha