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Mr. Bill Kolander, Chairman
Integration Task Force
City of San Diego
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Dear Bill,

This is one of the most difficult decisions I have had to make. However, after looking at all the time commitments, both personally and professionally, that I must live with, I find that I must resign from the Integration Task Force. For me this is a very difficult decision because I truly believe that quality education can not exist in our pluralistic society without meaningful integration. I feel that the mission of the Integration Task Force is one of the most important endeavors in which I had the privilege of being involved. That not withstanding I have felt over the past few months that I have not done justice to the responsibility vested in me as an Integration Task Force member. I have found it increasingly difficult to tear myself away from my job and family responsibilities to visit the schools and devote the necessary time to do a quality job. I operate under the principle that if I cannot do something right it is best not to do it at all.

It has been a unique opportunity for me to have worked with you and the rest of the Integration Task Force members. It was a privilege to be part of such an important endeavor and I regret that I cannot continue. I wish you and all the members of the Integration Task Force the best. To you personally, I want to thank you for all your consideration and encouragement over the past one and one-half years. I learned to admire and respect you very much.

Sincerely,

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Asst. Supt. - Curriculum

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