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***Joint Statement by the Smyrna School District Board of Education and Dr. Susan P. Brown,
Superintendent***

On the evening of December 16, 2024, the Smyrna School District Board of Education accepted the resignation of Dr. Susan P. Brown, the Superintendent. Dr. Brown's resignation is effective January 1, 2025. The School Board thanks and acknowledges Dr. Brown for her service. Despite the short period between resignation and its effective date, our constituents should know that this was completely voluntary by Dr. Brown, and her departure is for her own personal reasons. Please see Dr. Brown's statement below.

From Dr. Brown

With a heavy heart, I share that the Smyrna Board of Education voted on my decision to step down as Superintendent of Schools at last night's Board of Education meeting, effective January 1, 2025.

Words cannot fully express my sincere gratitude to the Smyrna School District, specifically the Board of Education, for the faith in me to serve this wonderful community. Additionally, I am grateful for Ms. Kristi Pelezo, former Board of Education President and member, Mrs. Deborah Wicks, former Superintendent, and the other Superintendents throughout the state who mentored me as I began my journey in Delaware.

Most especially, I owe my heartfelt appreciation to the students and their families, the employees, and the community for their trust and support. To the administrators, your commitment to leadership and learning inspires me. To the staff, your dedication to shaping young lives and fostering collaboration has been invaluable. To the families, thank you for entrusting me with your children's education. And to the students, your energy, creativity, and resilience have been my greatest inspiration.

Living and working in this district has been more than a job—it has been a transformative chapter in my life. Together, we've celebrated successes, faced challenges, and built a foundation of excellence that will endure long after my departure. Leading this district has been one of the greatest honors of my career.

Those in education know we have the absolute best profession in the world. And we know it is more than a job or an occupation. It is not for the faint of heart. Education is a calling, one felt deep in our bones, never leaving our minds. I am incredibly fortunate to have answered the calling here.

Thank you for the incredible journey.

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