

MEMORANDUM

TO: Robert J. Cardillo ✓

CC: Frank Perry, George Shultz

FROM: Steve Santarsiero *SS*

DATE: June 18, 2008

RE: Request for Leave of Absence for Fall Semester of the 2008-09 School Year



I am writing to request a leave of absence for the fall semester of the 2008-09 school year. I will be a candidate for the State House of Representatives in the 31st Assembly District (i.e., the Yardley-Newtown area) in this November's election. The demands of the campaign will make it difficult for me to meet all the demands of teaching at the high school in the fall. For that reason I respectfully make this request.

The decision to run in this election was a difficult one for me as I love teaching at Bensalem High School. But, as a teacher, I know that there is much that state government can and should be doing for our public schools. I also know that as a state representative I can and will be a strong voice for the public schools here in Bensalem and throughout the Commonwealth.

Needless to say, if my request is granted I will do all that I can to assist the teacher who takes over my classes. That will include – as it did last year – coming into school when necessary and without compensation from the District. You may recall that last year I began teaching at the high school in early January, or about two weeks before the conclusion of my leave last fall, in an effort to help the students in my AP US Government classes prepare for the AP exam. I did so without pay because I wanted to be sure that our students were in the best position to succeed. My commitment to our students remains unchanged.

I would like to thank you and the District for considering this request.