

July 2, 2008

Mr. Robert J. Cardillo Bensalem Township School District 3000 Donallen Drive Bensalem, PA 19020

Dear Mr. Cardillo:

Yesterday Dr. Lombardo advised me by phone that the School Board had rejected my request for a leave of absence for the fall semester. As I informed Dr. Lombardo, it would be very difficult for me to devote my full energies to my classes in the fall and run for state representative at the same time. For that reason, I regret to inform you that effective September 1, 2008, I will resign my teaching position at Bensalem High School.

Needless to say, this is not an easy decision for me. I truly love teaching at BHS. However, I also know that, if elected, I can make a difference not only for the students of Bensalem but for all students throughout Pennsylvania. Moreover, it would not be fair to my students to attempt to teach while running for office in a general election campaign.

As I did last year, I will provide whatever assistance I can to the teacher who is assigned to the AP Government sections for the 2008-09 school year. I will make myself available for that purpose this summer and throughout the school year.

It's been a pleasure working at Bensalem. I wish you any everyone in the district the very best in the future.

Very truly yours

Steven J. Santargiero

Cc:

Dr. James D. Lombardo

Mr. Frank Perry

Mr. George Shultz