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News Statement

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L.A. Unified Superintendent Michelle King Announces Plan to Retire

I have had the honor of serving as the superintendent of L.A. Unified for two years, although I have been challenged by medical issues for the last several months. During this time, I have been undergoing treatment for cancer. Now, with the progression of my illness, I have made the incredibly difficult decision to retire by June 30. Until then, I will remain on medical leave.

I am very thankful for the outpouring of support I have received from the entire L.A. Unified family, our community partners and my colleagues across the nation. As I aggressively fight this illness, I ask that you continue to keep me in your thoughts and prayers.

I am also grateful to our acting superintendent, Vivian Ekchian, whose leadership and dedication is enabling L.A. Unified to maintain its upward trajectory toward 100 percent graduation.

I am honored to be a graduate of L.A. Unified and to have served this amazing District for the last 33 years. With the collaboration of our students, parents, employees, board members and community partners, our District will continue to close the opportunity and achievement gaps and provide a high-quality education for our future leaders.

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