

Dear CSA District Stakeholders,

Seventeen years ago, Chuck invited me to join him at CSA to provide leadership to move forward the mission of the academy. By that time, I had already served as a teacher and administrator in traditional public schools for 25 years, yet I was honored by Chuck's invitation and enthusiastically embraced the opportunity to be part of the CSA journey.

I was already inspired by what was happening at CSA and I very much wanted to be a part of its culture of love and unwavering belief in all children. As I look back on my time at CSA, it has been by far the most fulfilling and meaningful journey of my 42 years as an educator.

CSA is an outstanding school of choice that does right by children and I am so grateful to be a part of its incredible and successful journey.

About ten years ago, Chuck and I outlined a plan for our gradual retirement.

One part of our plan included increased amounts of time spent away from the District in other locations. As many of you already know, we spend eight weeks in the winter in Mexico and other stretches of time during the year at our cottage in Traverse City.

The second part of our retirement plan included stepping away from direct involvement in the day-to-day administrative leadership of the academy, while continuing to provide input and counsel at a District executive level.

Well, as the saying goes, time flies! On December 31st, Chuck will formally retire. However, he will continue interfacing with CSA. Going forward, Chuck will provide consultation to the CSA Board of Directors and the CSA District Leaders on strategic planning issues related to curriculum, philosophy and facility development.

I will continue providing consultation to CSA District Leaders in my role as Vision Leader. The major goal of our visioning work is to ensure that going forward into the future, CSA District continues to implement with efficacy and fidelity the mission, core philosophies, and innovations that define it.

In addition to our consultation services, CSA District has three school leaders that direct the day-to-day operations of our elementary, middle school and high school programs. They have over 55 years of combined school experience and are directly supported by a team of educational administrators from CS Partners.

I also want to share that Chuck is not only the Founder of CSA, he is also the Founder of CS Partners and served as their CEO until five years ago when he changed his role to Thought Leader and Executive Consultant. Please take a few moments to read the press release below that came out last week that formally announced Chuck's retirement from CS Partners.

Chuck and I will always be dedicated to CSA and support it in many different ways. For us, CSA has been both a professional and personal endeavor that has given us so much purpose, fulfillment, joy, and love. We look forward to many more years of this meaningful connection to CSA.

As always, thank you for choosing CSA for the education of your children.

It is our honor and privilege to serve your family and to work diligently every single day to provide a safe place for your children to grow and learn.

In partnership with you,
Shelley Stockwell