



Fwd: Non-Renewal Letter

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Kristen Merritt <kristen.merritt@chariho.k12.ri.us>
To: Angela Brasil <angela.brasil@chariho.k12.ri.us>

Thu, May 7, 2026 at 2:05 PM

FYI for the SC agenda...

Kristen Merritt
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From: **Minli Lusher** <minli.lusher@chariho.k12.ri.us>
Date: Thu, May 7, 2026 at 1:53 PM
Subject: Re: Non-Renewal Letter
To: Gina Picard <gina.picard@chariho.k12.ri.us>, Kristen Merritt <kristen.merritt@chariho.k12.ri.us>
Cc: Vincent Levcowich <vincent.levcowich@chariho.k12.ri.us>

Hi Mrs. Picard,

I am writing regarding the pre-deprivation hearing scheduled for May 12 at 6:30 PM.

Pursuant to the notice provided, I would like to formally request that the hearing be held in open session.

In addition, I would appreciate clarification regarding whether I will have the opportunity to speak and present a statement during the hearing.

Thank you.

Minli Lusher

On Thu, May 7, 2026 at 7:38 AM Minli Lusher <minli.lusher@chariho.k12.ri.us> wrote:

Received.

Minli

On Wed, May 6, 2026 at 2:07 PM Kristen Merritt <kristen.merritt@chariho.k12.ri.us> wrote:

Good Afternoon,

Attached is your non-renewal letter for the 2026-2027 school year. The original letter will be sent to you via interoffice mail. Please reply that you are in receipt of this email/letter.

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Gina Picard <gina.picard@chariho.k12.ri.us>
To: Minli Lusher <minli.lusher@chariho.k12.ri.us>

Thu, May 7, 2026 at 8:21 PM

Cc: Kristen Merritt <kristen.merritt@chariho.k12.ri.us>, Vincent Levcowich <Vincent.Levcowich@chariho.k12.ri.us>
Bcc: angela.brasil@chariho.k12.ri.us

Thank you, Minli, for your ongoing dedication to our students and for the passion and energy you bring to your classroom each day. The relationships you have built with students and your commitment to world language education are deeply appreciated and have made a meaningful impact on our school community.

I recognize how difficult and personal these decisions are, especially when they involve educators who care deeply about students and their work. Due to decreasing enrollment and ongoing budget constraints, the district has had to make difficult staffing decisions. Please know this decision is not a reflection of your dedication, professionalism, or the positive impact you have had on students and families.

Respectfully,

Gina

Gina M. Picard
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Angela Brasil <angela.brasil@chariho.k12.ri.us>

Pre-deprivation hearing

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Madame L. Chariho Schools <claire.leatham@chariho.k12.ri.us>

Thu, May 7, 2026 at 5:14 PM

To: Gina Picard <gina.picard@chariho.k12.ri.us>, Angela Brasil <angela.brasil@chariho.k12.ri.us>, Kristen Merritt <kristen.merritt@chariho.k12.ri.us>

Hello Gina,

I would like to request that the hearing regarding the non-renewal of my contract take place in the open session of next Tuesday's school committee meeting.

Thank you,

Claire

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Claire Leatham

French teacher

World Language Department

Chariho Regional Schools

Gina Picard <gina.picard@chariho.k12.ri.us>

Thu, May 7, 2026 at 8:11 PM

To: "Madame L. Chariho Schools" <claire.leatham@chariho.k12.ri.us>

Cc: Angela Brasil <angela.brasil@chariho.k12.ri.us>, Kristen Merritt <kristen.merritt@chariho.k12.ri.us>

Thank you for letting me know. Please know that this time of year is especially difficult because the conversations involve dedicated educators like you who have built meaningful relationships with students and families and have contributed greatly to our school community.

At the same time, declining enrollment combined with ongoing budget realities, requires us to make difficult staffing decisions to ensure we are operating responsibly while continuing to provide equitable opportunities and programming for students across the entire district.

Respectfully,

Gina

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