

June 30, 2026

Foundation Academy Families,

I am writing this to let you all know that I have retired after 49 years in the field of education, nineteen of those at Foundation Academy. We opened the school inside the Richland Academy of the Arts in 2007 and moved into our current location, 1050 Wyandotte Ave. in 2009.

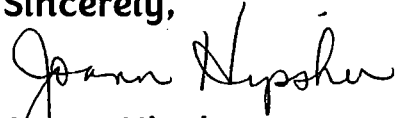
Prior to starting Foundation I worked in the Mansfield City Schools for 30 years.

I have enjoyed watching your children grow academically, socially, physically and emotionally. It has been an honor to work with the many dedicated teachers that have walked through our doors.

I love the many opportunities afforded me in the field of education during my career. I have years of wonderful memories to reflect on in my retirement and I thank you all for that.

Wishing our students continued success in the coming years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joann Hipsher".

Joann Hipsher

Teacher, Asst. Principal, Principal, Superintendent, Director of Special Education & Regional Vice President