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## Retirement Speech for Principal (Boss)

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I welcome you all to this very special, yet bittersweet occasion. Though we are sad to say goodbye to our beloved school principal, [confidential name], we are happy that he would finally have some time for his family and friends.

As I take a walk down memory lane, all I find is amazing memories that are sure to last a lifetime. These memories can't be summed up in words, but I'll try to share a few with you today.

Some 12 years ago, this school was established as an educational refuge. I remember coming here with my ideas and aspirations to make a difference for my community. And here he was – [confidential name] – with all his charm, commitment, and dedication to our work and to society.

During these 12 years, he has touched our lives and brought out the best in us. At least for me, he has always been the biggest source of inspiration.

The words that will always remind me of his resolute character, gentle nature, and amiable personality are, "it is what it is." And this one statement is enough to fill me up with great strength and courage.

Speaking of his amiable personality, many of you that have had the pleasure of witnessing this firsthand will attest to how amazing it is to see how [confidential name] interacts with parents whose first language isn't English. As you all know, more than half of our students are bilingual, therefore it should come as no surprise that a large number of the parents of these children aren't proficient in English.

Despite the language barrier, parents that don't speak English fluently loved interacting with [confidential name]. And why wouldn't they? He listens to their questions, concerns, issues, and resolves them as his own.

As we bid farewell to [confidential name], I'd like to tell him that this school would never be the same without him. However, we'll try our best to keep his legacy alive and come up to his great standards. When I think of [confidential name], the best quote that comes to my mind is by Stephen Covey, "You can retire from a job, but don't ever retire from making extremely meaningful contributions in life."

In the end, I would like to wish you the very best on behalf of the entire staff. You are and will always be one of the greatest assets for this school and its staff and students. Thank you and happy retirement!