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Dear Bulldog Swim and Dive Families:

What a difference a year makes! Last year at this time I was struggling to get ready for our Awards Banquet while recovering from a diabetic emergency that put me in the hospital for quite a while. This year I had nearly finished the preparations for the Awards Banquet when I went to the hospital to see my new grandson.

Since the banquet is to honor the achievements from this past season, I wanted to take a moment to give everyone an update that impacts the team, without disrupting the celebration on Tuesday evening.

Over the past year I have thoroughly enjoyed being a hands-on grandparent. With my third grandchild now sleeping on my lap, I've found this to be the best job ever. I've also found time to explore new academic and professional areas of interest, and achieved professional certifications in these areas.

Given my changing family dynamics and new professional interests, I've been tasked with some tough choices. While I still love coaching, and may continue to coach in some capacity, this will be my final season at Westfield. It has been an honor and pleasure to work with the Swim and Dive Team since the school opened. When I started, I had no idea it would turn into a 19-year adventure.

Thank you for the opportunity, and thank you for all of your hard work and support. I want to wish everyone great success going forward.

Bruce Andersen
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