

Dear Mercy Community,

At long last, after 51 years in education, I have decided to pursue other dreams. From 1965 – 1976, I taught grade school children in Muskegon, Pinconning, Ludington, and Lansing. From 1976 – 1980, I taught at Mercy College of Detroit.

In 1981, I came to Mercy High School as the “attendance lady”. I missed teaching, so in 1986 I began teaching in the Social Studies Department. In 2013, I retired from teaching and once again became the “attendance lady” until the present.

I enjoyed all the different age groups, but the teens stole my heart when I came to Mercy High School. I loved being with them in the classroom and on the athletic fields/courts. I loved seeing the girls all dressed up for the Father/Daughter dance, performing on the stage, or just relaxing around school in their “free” time. The students have kept me young-at-heart even as the years have crept up on me.

To the adults at Mercy, thank you for being my friends and colleagues. What a wonderful group of people to spend my years of ministry with. I will miss you.

Sister Marianne Bennett, RSM

From Principal Carolyn Witte:

As Sister Marianne so aptly admitted, the girls may have stolen her heart but she offered both heart and spirit to all of us. She has been a wonderful role model of a life well lived and enjoyed. I wish her great joy and God's blessings as she experiences all that is unknown.