

Lamont to depart Sisters job

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Correspondent

After years of serving the Sisters School District as an elementary school teacher, Mark Lamont has tendered his resignation.

Lamont started his teaching career in Sisters 24 years ago. With a few brief breaks he has taught in this district for 21 years.

He started teaching sixth-grade science and social studies in what is now the administration building. Then, as a homeroom teacher, he taught fourth, fifth, first and second grades, then kindergarten.

Lamont has taught all primary grades as a P.E. teacher.

“I love the smiles on all the faces in P.E.,” he said. “Everybody is successful almost every day. That may not be the case in classes like math or reading.”

Lamont is hoping to travel and continue working with his nonprofit, Ten Friends, in Nepal. He has taken more than 16 trips to the country over the past several years.

“I will potentially stay through the fall on this trip,” he said. “It’s been my goal and dream to build an orphanage over there.”

The 23 kids and several adults in the orphanage Ten Friends supports currently live in a building where they pay rent, which is covered mainly through donations. Lamont hopes that on this trip he will be able to help construct and finalize a building they can call their own.

In addition to his plans to return to Nepal he also hopes to travel through South and Latin America. While he has many dreams to travel, he



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Mark Lamont in his element as a P.E. teacher.

says he is not finished working in education.

“This (Sisters) has been such a positive experience in my life,” Lamont said. “I’m not leaving for anything negative. I love the school district, this community and staff. I doubt when I move on I will find a place of its equal, its high quality.”

“I need to move on,” he said. “Balance and variety are important. Sometimes that means moving on from

something you love. It’s going to be very difficult to leave, but I value that balance.”

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