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Richard has been an Elementary Physical Education Teacher in the Brentwood School District for a total of thirty-seven years, devoting the majority of his time between Twin Pines and Pine Park Elementary Schools. He comes from a family of educators, including one brother and several relatives. His father John Curio, will be remembered as having been a respected member of the Brentwood Board of Education during its formative years, and serves as a shining example to his son who followed in those public service footsteps. His first year, he admits was the most challenging, for it was then that he learned how to accept and enjoy the children the way he found them, paving his way for a satisfying and rewarding career in Brentwood. He's said he's been preparing for this moment in his life for a while but not until now has he admitted to finally being "Ready".

" My name is Rich Curio. I've been thinking about actually retiring now for about a year or two. This has been my thirty-seventh year in the Brentwood School District. It was basically my first job right out of college. I'm retiring now because, honestly it just feels like I'm ready to retire. I submitted my papers this year because I still felt pretty good at the beginning of the year. Once I reached January and February it felt to me like it was definitely the time to go. I just got the feeling and I'm going with it. It's time. I've had a number of memorable years but not one in particular. It's been a good career and I've been very happy. I think the most challenging time for me was when I first started teaching and had to learn the steps.

"Honestly, it's been a good career and I've been very happy; very lucky. When the conversation turned to his dad John Curio, (former Brentwood Board of Education Trustee), he admitted to having had a good role model in his father, who he proudly described as "a good man". Speaking of his own accomplishment he said "I like what I do and I think I do a good job. I'm proud of how I work 1.

with the kids and I think the kids are very receptive to what I have to offer. I work at the Elementary level so I think there are no real milestones there. I was assigned to Twin Pines for ten years and Pine Park and because I'm a Physical Education teacher I was given a mixture of all the grade levels to work with. My brother was a Phys. Ed. teacher and he was very helpful to me. He's a retiree with you guys. My brother's wife Patti is also a retired teacher. My wife teaches in the District though not Physical Education and I've been fortunate to work with a lot of other good people".

"I honestly believe that my students enjoyed being in my class and they will remember me in a good way. To anyone stepping in to take my place I offer these suggestions: Enjoy what you do. Enjoy the kids; I had to learn how to do that, you know? And once you do that – the job is a lot of fun".