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Dear Roshan:

After consulting with my teachers, my counterpart, and the District Education Office (DEO), I believe it is in my best professional interests that I apply for an early close-of-service (COS). Even though the DEO was unable to confirm the exact dates that final examinations will be administered for the 2060 school year, the DEO said with certainty that exams will begin around March 21 (Chaat 8).

These exams will last around 10 days and the teachers will most likely take a week to prepare their students for the examinations; therefore, it is unlikely that teachers will be willing to participate in Friday Model Meetings (FMMs) or on-site development work, which requires classroom teaching time. Therefore, an early COS of 30 days (April 8, 2003) will provide me with exactly enough time to finish the school year (my primary project) and depart during the break in-between school years.

My current secondary projects include an American Literature club being held at the local public college as well as a weekly radio show on Parsa FM, in operation for its first week. I will finish the American Literature club by completing the reading of our final book, *Old Man and the Sea*. The weekly radio show on Parsa FM will be hosted by PCV Ashish Basuray (N/196) after my departure.

I greatly appreciate all the support, advice, humor, and good will that the Peace Corps/Nepal staff has provided me during my tenure as a volunteer in this amazing country. I especially appreciate the attention and encouragement that you, Roshan, have provided. I feel quite lucky to have worked with you and have you as a friend.

Sincerely,

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