

March 6, 2018

Mayor Tito Brown  
Youngstown City Hall  
26 Phelps St  
Youngstown, OH 44503

Dear Mayor Tito Brown,

As I informed you on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, I am resigning from the Academic Distress Committee. I appreciated the opportunity to serve my community and the students of the Youngstown City Schools. I am saddened that best efforts of the committee to serve the community through selecting a public educator with the experience and knowledge to improve the education of our students has not drawn the support of some of the leaders of the teachers and community necessary for a successful outcome. Under the expert leadership of Brian Benyo we acted and fulfilled the duties of a public board of education: to hire and hold accountable a leader for the schools.

As a public educator writing and researching the current attacks on public education, Mohip's plans for the schools were built on a solid foundation of research. Whether he had the necessary personnel skills to carry out those plans we shall never know. Too many in our community entered into a war with the state officials to get rid of HB70 and a job title of CEO rather than seeking first to come together to improve the education of our students. For some of us this was not only the best way it was the only way to subvert the privatization thrust of HB70, the use of vouchers and tax credits to fund private education, and the paying of sponsors with no educational backgrounds to charter schools across the state who then hire for-profit management companies to run those schools.

Sincerely,



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