Good Day Youngstown Academic Distress Commission (now referred to as YADC) - my name is Angelo Perruzzi Jr. and I reside at 6489 Tara Drive – Youngstown, Ohio 44514 and my home phone number is 330-757-8596. As a concerned citizen, as well as, an Educational Assistant for the Youngstown City School District - I have the following questions, concerns and suggestion dealing with Amended Substitute House Bill 70 (now being referred to as H.B. 70).

**(NOTE: my first question is - a 2nd Request for a Response (dated April 17th) –**

**to my February 19, 2019 Presentation at the YADC Meeting.)**

**QUESTION NUMBER 1. What is the INTENT or PURPOSE (of the Ohio Legislatures) concerning H.B. 70 - Section 3302.10(G)2 – IF NOT TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY of the CEO’s School Improvement Plan (as required by H.B. 70 - Section 3302.10(E)2) and not to BURDEN the School District’s (especially LOW-INCOME School Districts) General Fund due to the CEO’s Innovative Education Programs (which are a component of the School Improvement Plan)? Therefore, a CEO should APPLY (without hesitation to ODE) for State Funding (which would be a REIMBURSEMENT) for their Innovative Education Programs, in order NOT to EXHAUST a School District’s General Fund.**

**In the case of Youngstown City School District (a LOW-INCOME School District) - the CEO REDUCED the General Fund Unencumbered June 30, 2018 Balance by approximately $13,740,000 or 60% in one year**

**(as evidenced by the October 2018 5-Year Forecast for Fiscal Year 2019) -**

**and the CEO has NOT APPLIED for State Funding – WHY?**

**WHO PROVIDED (in the aforementioned scenario) the FISCAL OVERSIGHT of the CEO WHO HAS COMPLETE operational, managerial and instructional control of a School District – as per H.B. 70 – Section 3302.10(C)1?**

**The RESPONSE I received (on May 2nd) from YADC concerning the aforementioned questions is as follows: there has not been state funding for the CEO’s Innovative Education Programs. Therefore, Krish hasn’t applied for it.**

**QUESTIONS concerning YADC Response**: WHY hasn't the Ohio State Legislatures appropriated State Funding for a CEO’s Innovative Education Programs?  As previously questioned - **what is the PURPOSE or INTENT of the State Legislatures** (as per H.B. 70 - Section 3302.10(G)2) - If not to provide State Funding for the CEO's Innovative Education Programs **and NOT to burden (especially LOW-INCOME School District's) General Fund**??

**Therefore, I strongly encourage the Youngstown City School District (collectively with Lorain City School District and East Cleveland City Schools District) to file a lawsuit against the State of Ohio – for non-compliance of Amended Substitute House Bill 70 – Section 3302.10(G)2 – concerning the School District’s REIMBURSEMENT of the CEO’s Innovative Education Programs.**

**QUESTION NUMBER 2. Why is a School District at fault and subsequently penalized** (as per H.B. 70 - Section 3302.10 (H) - (L)) - **if the School District does NOT receive an overall Report Card Grade of C or higher** (as per H.B.70 - Section 3302.10(N)1) - **and WHY is NOT that blame "placed" with the Chief Executive Officer's School Improvement Plan** (**which is to IMPROVE the School District’s ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE - and is - subsequently APPROVED by the Academic Distress Commission** - as per H.B.70 - Section 3302.10(E)2))?

**If a School District DOES NOT receive an overall School Report Card Grade**

**of C or higher –**

H.B. 70 - Section 3302.10 (H) - (L)

gives the CEO the authority (only with the APPROVAL of ADC)

to reconstitute or reconstruct the School District by the following means:

1.  REPLACING the Administration, Teaching and Non-Teaching Personnel.

2.  CONTRACT with a nonprofit or for-profit entity TO MANAGE the SCHOOL’S OPERATIONS.

3.  REOPEN a SCHOOL - as a Community or STEM School.

4.  PERMANENTLY CLOSE a SCHOOL.

5.  REOPEN (in consultation with the ADC Chairman) any COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT- in order to renegotiate its terms.  The CEO can limit, suspend or alter any provision of the collective bargaining agreement.

Therefore, **what is the COMMON-SENSE and REASONING (under H.B. 70) - for the BLAMING and the subsequent PUNISHMENT of a School District - for not receiving an overall Report Card Grade of a C or higher -**

**and WHY is that blame NOT “placed squarely on the shoulders” of the CEO’s APPROVED School Improvement Plan?**

**(NOTE: ADC appoints the CEO and the CEO has complete operational, managerial and instructional control over a School District – as per H.B. 70 – Section 3302.10(C)1.)**

**QUESTION NUMBER 3. Can a School District's Report Card Grade be MANIPULATED by REDISTRICTING (or GERRYMANDERING) the STUDENTS, in order to achieve a FAVORABLE Grade or outcome?**

**(NOTE: GERRYMANDERING can CONTROL the OUTCOME of a political election – so WHY can't GERRYMANDERING be utilized to MANIPULATE a School District's Report Card Grade?)**

**On a separate matter (as per my February 19, 2019 Presentation at the Youngstown Academic Distress Commission Meeting:**

I **would like to make the following suggestion to YADC concerning the ACADEMIC DISTRESS of the Youngstown City School District –**

**WHY hasn’t the Commission CONSIDER RESEARCHING –**

**what URBAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS of comparable size or larger in Ohio or even across the United States that were in academic distress -**

**and with that School District’s utilization of the Multi-Tiered System of Supports (NOTE: which is required by U.S. Dept. of Education) –**

**is now “released” from academic distress –**

**and then subsequently utilize those various schools (that were “released” from academic distress) BEST PRACTICES in the Youngstown City School District –**

**in order to determine what “works” and what doesn’t in Youngstown City School District – rather than trying to “RECREATE THE WHEEL”?**

Thanks again for your time and consideration of my questions, concerns and suggestion.