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Representative Stein – Committee Chair
Representative Johnson – Vice Chair
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Dear Honorable Representatives:

On behalf of the Board of Education for Toledo Public Schools and the 23,000 students who attend one of our schools, please allow this letter to show our support of House Bill 542 and its intent to set the age for student to attend barber school to 16.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, barbering is one of the oldest and most well respected professions in history and the demand for trained and talented barbers is expected to continue growing far into the future.

Students who attend the district's Barber Academy, or another reputable school, are entering a field that is in high demand. Those who graduate and go on to become a barber have the opportunity to earn a good salary. Plus, if he or she enjoys working with people and is committed to offering a quality hair cut or design, they will gain a strong reputation and clientele base.

Toledo Public Schools' mission is to produce competitive college and career ready graduates. By lowering the age of a student who is eligible to enter barber school, we are giving them a chance at building a strong future, one that they can begin upon graduation from a reputable and respected academy or school.

We appreciate Representative Lisa Sobecki for championing this legislature and for continuing her work to support our community and the students who attend Toledo Public Schools.

Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions or if you need additional information about Toledo Public Schools and our Barber Academy.

In education,

Dr. Romules Durant
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