My Name is Kathie Dolgin founder of EUVA (Energy Up Voltage Approved) a 501c3 organization who's mission has been to EDUCATE and MOTIVATE inner city girls to understand the role nutrition and lifestyle CHOICES plays in THEIR lives!

I have been a pioneer in sugar addiction the sugar ADDICTION movement that has become popular over the last 10 years. We operated in NYC under the Bloomberg administration and Bloomberg Philanthropy for over 15 years..We piloted the first sugar free school movement that was featured in the award winning Documentary FED UP produced by Katie Couric and the TODAY show followed our program for 1 year in 2004.

I was born and raised in South Lorain in 1948 left in 1966 and really never came back until 4 years ago to take care of my parents

I meet with virtually ALL the CEO's of local funders and community leaders involved with youth programs including the Mayor and various elected officials We ran a few SUCCESSFUL programs with the Boys and Girls Club as we have the same demographics the children look the same BUT they are NOT.

I have had the PLEASURE of working with POWERFUL leaders in the health and wellness worlds serving undeserved communities and we have made GREAT IMPACT working under POSITIVE leadership for change  I know what it takes to win and it was no where in site in Lorain at the top of leadership

The barre for success is so LOW and they are NOT even aware of it.  All is was told over and over is how GOOD everything is as is!!

I went to meet with Dr Hardy when he first arrived and was very IMPRESSED with his knowledge and understanding of Lorain City Schools BROKEN system STUCK in a POVERTY VICTIMIZATION mentality

He was a breath of fresh air and POSSIBILITY..When i read the Lorain promise and went to the first few monthly meetings and followed the monthly news letter and reports i received from community leaders that i TRUST I was so HAPPY for the undeserved children who are NOW refered to as SCHOLARS!!!!..Mr Hardy was doing what he NEEDED to do REPLACE the victim mentality with a winning mentality.  To rebuild you MUST replace the old structure with NEW.  MANY times it takes an outsider to do this as he has NO personal ties to WORRY about offending.

When the elected school board starting going after him in the local newspapers i could NOT BELIEVE what i was reading. It really upset me that NOT only were they going after him for doing his job they were pitting local people against each other and BULLYING people to think their way. I continue to speak with Lorain citizens that are so APPRECIATIVE and encouraged by the Lorain Promise and the results it is already showing..

The Lorain City School reality has been apparent for MANY years with MANY families who CAN move to an area in Lorain where you their children attend a different school district this is a known FACT !!!!  Lorain City Schools has had a TERRIBLE well earned reputation for years PLEASE DO NOT TAKE AWAY from the undeserved population of Lorain their FIRST GLIMMER OF HOPE that Mr Hardy and the Lorain Promise has brought them!!!!

The elected school board FAILED their community and the state did the RIGHT thing with the intent of fixing it...Give Mr Hardy the time to do his job and give Lorain scholars a CHANCE to SUCCEED. Their are MANY other professional people that think the same way but WILL NOT stand up to the IN POWER BULLIES due to FEAR of losing business and being ATTACKED in this HIGHLY POLITICAL drama.

However, I understand the states desire to keep local control as it is not only a matter of trust and respect, but it is what makes sense.  Your revised HB 166 page 20-21 speaks to the importance of local voices being apart of the new School Improvement Commission, the idea of appointing these individuals will only promote those currently in power to put the same individuals and mindsets back in place to continue our district's devastation.

We ALL want local CONTROL BUT that CONTROL MUST be in the hands of elected officials that put the people before themselves and CHANGE the OLD status Quo!!!

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