Good Morning elected officials

         My name is Nicolette Boyd and I'm writing in support of HB154 in it's original form and to return the control back to the school board that represents the community it serves after all we elected them.

          As a concerned parent with 5 children in Youngstown city school district I would like to know when and where we lost the right to have any say when it comes to our childrens education?

          I have sat in meetings where it has been stated that we have a failing board, bad teachers, as well as parents who don't care. This simply is NOT true. We have a school board who's hands are tied by the state.  Some of the best teacher's in the area with limited tools and resources, as well as parents who do care however are left out of the loop and do not understand what is going on!

         The state put a CEO in place which was supposed to fix our problem after all he had total control and when he failed our school board took the blame abd.they have no power. State take overs are not the answer it has already proven to fail us!

   What I would like to see as a parent, is the board that WE have elected as well as our teachers to have access to the tools and resources needed! As parents we need help. I would like to see classes offered so us parents can attend and learn the ever changing curriculum. If we as parents had this type of support we would be better able to help our children as well as our teachers.

     I'm absolutely livid about the situation at hand. These are our children and their futures at stake. Youngstown is our home and these are three main issues I happen to find worth fighting for. Our children, the right for FREE public education and our community we are worth it!

I would like to thank you for taking the time to read this.

Sincerely

Nicolette Boyd

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