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Superintendent
Barry D. Collins, Ed.D.

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Greetings Mr. Superintendent, and to the members of the board,

I pray that this email finds each of you well this morning and well, if we have another day above ground, we have another chance to get it right.

It is clear after last night's meeting that we do have our challenges and we collectively have work to do to elevate the culture of our district and re-establish a sense of public trust, and maintain confidence in the role of this board and the district entirely.

As I have said before in our meetings and otherwise, when the head isn't right, the body won't be either. Today, I use this analogy in regard to our board.

I have given much grace and mercy, and I have been more lenient than I have been on some matters in the past out of respect and experience. However, after last night's meeting and the escalation of behavior as the night progressed, I hold no faith in the leadership of our chairman and am hereby requesting resignation as Chairman effective immediately and the Vice-Chairman take the charge in a pro-tem capacity until such date within the next 30-days that we have an election for board chairman.

At such a time, in addition to this meeting being established, I further request that there be an evaluation and review of the Board Attorney's contract of services.

We must reset the course to navigate successfully into the future. This is not personal, this is merely the business of the people.

Respectfully,
Melissa Oakley