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Dr. Glasspool, President Colella & Board of Directors,

It is with sadness that I write this letter, to inform you that I would like to tender my resignation as a Plum Borough School Board Director, effective immediately, due to a major difference of opinions between myself and the district. Having had the honor to serve the Plum Borough community as a board director since December 2011, I make this decision with a heavy heart. I shall always be humbled by the opportunity that this community entrusted me with. Though I did not make this decision easily, I believe it is the right decision to make.

As a school board member, you must work together & share the same vision with the school administration & school board to govern effectively. Over the past four months, our district has been plagued with scandal & hardship. I believe that our school administration & school board directors did not handle these situations properly, showing a true lack of leadership. After warning District administration nearly three years ago about a possible inappropriate relationship between Mr. Ruggieri & a student, I do not share the same "full confidence" in our district leaders, as the rest of the school board does. Because I believe changes must be made, I no longer feel comfortable being in a situation where my morals & values are being compromised, by being told to remain silent & to show "full confidence" in our leaders. When a certain board member tries to change the paper of record in order to squash these stories & truth from being written, it has truly reached the highest peak of corruption. I cannot continue to sit behind "board statements" that I had no part of drafting & I do not agree with. I believe that without change in the high school administration & school board, no citizen will feel comfortable sending their children to our district. I completely disagree with the lack of action & ineffectiveness shown by our district, in such trying times.

I, as one lone school director, tried to create swift policy changes & create a better sense of transparency when this first occurred in February. My voice & ideas were ignored by a certain number of board members, because they decided to play politics instead of doing what is right. I no longer have faith or trust in our high school leadership or school board. Until drastic changes are made on all levels, neither will the parents & students of our once great district.

I truly hope that this letter sheds light on the dark shadows cast by these scandals, politicization and lack of accountability. The citizens of this borough demand & deserve more respect shown to them. I hope that this letter becomes a catalyst for many changes that must follow.

Respectfully,

