

From the Desk of:

A Concerned Constituent of the Hilliard City School Board

April, 2011

Hilliard City Schools
5323 Cemetery Road
Hilliard, Ohio 43026

Attn: Doug Maggied, School Board President
Lisa Whiting, School Board Vice President
Paul Lambert, School Board Member

Dave Lundegran, School Board Member
Andy Teater, School Board Member
Dale McVey, Superintendent

Dear Mr. Maggied, Ms. Whiting and Msrs. Lambert, Lundegran, Teater and McVey:

I am very concerned by your recently announced intention to eliminate all gifted services from the Hilliard City Schools curriculum. I believe that eliminating gifted services altogether is an *irresponsible* decision and a disservice to the public.

The School Board is supposed to serve the community by making sure that the children are afforded an adequate education. Because not all children learn or process information in the same way, educators are often called upon to tailor programs to the distinct learning styles of children who cannot find success in traditional classroom settings. Gifted children bring just such distinctions in their approach to material.

Without educational services for the children affected by giftedness, this entire group of children will be excluded from the educational process. As a result, they will be denied the tools for personal and emotional growth and for academic success that are offered to other Hilliard children.

Eliminating Gifted Services violates everything the HCSD is purported to believe.

“The purpose of the Hilliard City School District is to enable students to become productive citizens in an ever-changing world by providing them with quality work. ..Quality work is meaningful, engaging, challenging, compelling and satisfying; and causes students to acquire knowledge and skills valued by both students and community.”

-Policy ADA, 2000 [emphasis added]

The City and citizens of Hilliard will suffer if our school district rejects the educational needs of these children simply because they are “different.” As a concerned constituent of the Hilliard City School Board, I therefore ask that you do not eliminate gifted education services and instead continue to provide it as a necessary part of the educational plan.

Respectfully,

Signature

Printed Name

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