

M E M O R A N D U M

To: Ypsilanti Board of Education  
Cc: Sup't Hawkins  
From: Cameron R. Getto  
Date: April 6, 2007  
Re: My resignation, effective immediately

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With sadness, I tender my resignation from the Ypsilanti Board of Education, effective immediately.

Over the last several years, we have achieved great successes together. Our schools have gone from struggling to meet AYP to meeting AYP consistently. We now have a Blue Ribbon School in our district. We have sent children to some of the top colleges and universities in the nation, including Yale, Oberlin (my alma mater), University of Virginia, University of Michigan and the U.S. Naval Academy, a number of them on full scholarships. Our sports teams have excelled, and we have brought the names of our teams in line with the guidelines of the State Board of Education and the clear consensus in the educational community. We have successfully balanced our budget under extremely difficult circumstances, bringing our community into the fold and truly collaborating. We have hired key educational leaders that have begun the journey down the long road of redefining our approach to educating our children, and the early results have been outstanding.

Though I cannot take credit for these accomplishments, I do want you to know how grateful I am and how privileged I feel to have been a part.

As many of you know, the past two years have brought a number of personal challenges for me as well. Though I have tried my very best to rise to all of them and excel in the many endeavors I have chosen to pursue, it has become clear that the demands of my career and my obligation to my family will require more of my time and effort than Board service permits.

It has been a sincere pleasure serving my community and our schools, and I will always value the close working relationship we have shared on this Board. Despite the personal need to move on at this time, I will remain a strong supporter and believer in our public schools.