
From: fran bisi <eyelandart@yahoo.com>
ent: Tuesday, September 11, 2018 8:06 AM
To: Orischak, Josephine A
Subject: Re: Hurricane Orders

we're doing the same (just not the leaving town on Sunday part)..stay safe everyone!

fran

On Tuesday, September 11, 2018, 7:53:43 AM EDT, Orischak, Josephine A
<Josephine.Orischak@beaufort.k12.sc.us> wrote:

"Wait and Sea" . . .love it, Jerry. Spoken like a true sailor.

Bob Voyage!

ent from my iPad

On Sep 11, 2018, at 7:52 AM, jerry at the beach <gringoviejotwo@yahoo.com
<mailto:gringoviejotwo@yahoo.com> > wrote:

We are taking a wait and SEA approach. Since we are scheduled to leave town anyway on Sunday, today will be packing and preparing the house for departure. The good news, I filled the car with gas Sunday morning.

Good luck to all.

~Jerry

On Monday, September 10, 2018, 4:21:31 PM EDT, Orischak, Josephine A
Josephine.Orischak@beaufort.k12.sc.us <mailto:Josephine.Orischak@beaufort.k12.sc.us> > wrote:

All,

Wishing all of you an uneventful meeting with Florence should she visit us.

Not sure how we'll be proceeding in our household as of yet. Still mulling over plans.

Kindest Regards,

District 11

Sent from my iPad

On Sep 10, 2018, at 1:53 PM, fran bisi <eyelandart@yahoo.com
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She could run on the fact that she did took a STAND for the children. She did this twice. She chastised a resident of Beaufort County for using the word hell during a comment he made at a board meeting. She was concerned children might be watching the County Channel and thought they shouldn't be subjected to foul language. News flash, if a child was watching the County Channel the have access to cable. Since the FCC doesn't regulate cable stations, the children are subjected not only to the word hell but many more "vulgar" words that I won't go into at this point. She neglected, however, to chastise Earl Campbell when he said that everyone who criticized the actions of the school board "Would die and go to hell." In his case he was using the word with malicious intent and yet she was silent. What's up with that?

Then there was one more time that she took a STAND for the children. Just recently she complained that anyone could look into the modular classroom windows. She was probably thinking of the pedophiles from the nearby trailer park that she protested against. Actually, not sure what she was implying but she should be more concerned with the lack of security in general at all of the district's schools. Peeping Toms should be at the bottom of her list of campaign talking points.

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On Monday, September 10, 2018, 11:52:29 AM EDT, jerry at the beach
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This Bluffton representative is running for a third term on the Beaufort Co. school board

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va Anderson filed for re-election to the District 7 seat, which represents the greater Bluffton and Okatie are...

Usually when an incumbent seeks re-election, they rely on their significant accomplishments while in office as a springboard to another term. For Ms. Anderson that may prove to be somewhat challenging, unless one considers the following to be significant accomplishments;

Voted to authorize a Two Hundred eighty thousand dollar golden parachute to a former Superintendent of schools currently the focus of an FBI investigation.

Voted to authorize spending hundreds of thousands of dollars on not 1 but 2 failed referendums.

Then there was her poor judgment on the infamous nepotism issue in 2015 and the two ethics violations in 2016.

Ms Anderson is quoted; "Concerning the ethics case involving the superintendent, the board, of course, is pleased that the matter was resolved in early August and is now behind us," then-secretary Anderson said last November.

Since she cant run on her voting record nor claim she was supportive of fiscal responsibility or transparency, ...maybe she is running on her attendance record.

The motto in Dist. 7 should be...Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me!

G.A. Smith

Well represented in Dist. 11.

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Subject: Re: Request for Release 175k To Bill Miles of Funds in Response to Hurricane Florence.—another Bill Miles and Steve Riley tax theft must be stopped

Mr Riley why would you send this to me in a personal email on Friday when Town is closed down ? You are either totally out of your mind or drunk and proves how unfit your are to serve as Town manager. To approve this up to 175k in complete defiance of town councils not funding Bill Miles until he shows receipts, invoices and canceled checks, bank accounts is not even believable, that you and the crook lawyers would even attempt this. Only thing I can think of is Bill Miles has some power over you to force you to give this chamber money and the chamber can't make pay roll since it did not get any Atax funds ?

3 stooges Mccann, Harkins and Lennox for attacking Mayor Bennett's demand for transparency from crook Bill Miles should be disgraced which I will do soon publicly, and booted off this island and go back to where they came from. After 45 yrs on this island, the last thing we need are these retired middle management crooks serving and leading Hilton Heads best interest.

First Mr Riley I will do all I can to see you and Bill Miles go to prison for this scam, along with all others connected to your theft and corruption for 25 yrs. I can't imagine what we don't know has happened over these last 25 yrs with no challenges for transparency from you and Bill Miles to perhaps over 50m in tax monies.

Lawyer David Tigges and Paula Bethea top of our list with Ray Deal , Ray Warco accountants to bring to justice. It is hard to imagine we have so many crooks, over 50!

Steve I want to foia all receipts, invoices, canceled checks to the penny and proven performance metrics for the last 50k tax money you handed to crook Bill Miles in secret and got caught, for the last hurricane. David Ames publicly spoke on this secret theft. You also were caught hiring Bill miles Lawyer Crook David Tigges and misused tax money for this?

Steve, you have receipts for this last 50k theft correct? Send all under Foia under the law and time to produce.

How can anyone on Town council allow Steve Riley and these Town crook lawyers to get away with this and steal another 175k to hand to this chamber and crook Bill Miles until we all have seen receipts and a forensic audit of this chamber has been completed ?? We now need crook Riley and the Town audited and investigated as well. We are a Town in big big trouble !

No wonder Steve Riley was named by Paula Bethea/ Bill Miles Chamber Citizen of the year???? Hand enough money to pad Bills pocket anything's possible.

Who schemed and set this restricted fund up? When was this done this year by You, Miles , David Tigges, Paula Bethea and all the rest of the crooks part of the chamber theft and misuse of tax funds? Exactly when was this created, send all docs on this. Send total to date/ last 25 yrs the Town has handed Bill Miles money with no receipts include all Atax and general tax funds ?

Send total of general tax funds not Atax you have handed Bill Miles to be a Town member to be Shrined to harm Mayor Bennett. We all need to find out when all this theft started?

Mr Riley —Tell me who exactly is considered a Town private chamber member by you using and stealing public funds to do so ? Just the Town council ?Town Atax Committee? Town employees ? You Town manager ? Thief Town lawyers ? All tax payers in Beaufort county whose money you used ????? This is another Lawsuit !

Riley, you are a crook and need to be not just fired, but investigated with your crook buddy Bill Miles and thief lawyers. You 3 stooges have been in power too long. Now we add the 4th Stooge ,discarded and rejected crook lawyer Gruber from Beaufort to the corrupt Hilton Head even more. You can't make this stuff up.

We need a full time, full power right to fire Mayor. This failed political system we have must end, with must end a full power, full time, crook Town manager and lawyers. Nothing works with failed leadership or no leadership. How in the hell can a part time, weak, one vote Mayor and council possible control full time, full power Town employee crooks. Same with the chamber, the employees have seized all the power from the owners and tell the owners what to do and what finances they can see? Has anyone ever seen a successful company where the employees run the company not the owner or the owners CEO.

Massive insanity!! Corruption will continue until we get a \$250k salary full power Mayor to clean house and get rid of \$400k salary ribbon cutting chamber crook Miles, and crook Town employees . We also need to hire a full time \$150k salary employee to run the Dmo as part of the Town not the chamber robbing us blind. Then we will get 2m Atax funds spent for the good and not end up in crooks pockets. This will get rid of the chamber fraud, and lavish spending by crook Bill miles. We get a real community chamber again run right like the Greater Bluffton Chamber.

We can pay both these positions with the \$400k we pay Crook Bill Miles to cut ribbons and cut off the theft, embezzlement, bid rigging and laundering. We are all going to see soon once crooks Bill Miles and Steve Riley <x-apple-data-detectors://4> are forced to show us all the receipts and much more by a FBI raid . Steve, you and Bill need to be investigated and forensically audited by the FBI asap. That's another fact and predict prison the result. Good news no path for your escape now and numbers don't lie people lie like you, Bill miles and the thieving town lawyers.

Thanks

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Sent from my iPhone excuse all typos and misspellings

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Subject: FW: Request for Release of Funds from the Restricted Advertising Account in
Response to Hurricane Florence

FYI

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Bill,

I have reviewed your request, on behalf of the VCB, for the release of funds from the Restricted Advertising Account maintained by the Town of Hilton Head Island pursuant to the adopted Town budget. The purpose of the account is to provide ready access to funds for special advertising needs for, among other purposes, responding to a near miss of a hurricane. I understand that many of our local businesses have experienced significant declines in business as a result of the reports regarding Florence.

Pursuant to our adopted Disaster Planning Reserve policies as contained in the adopted budget, and specifically the funds Restricted for Advertising, "The Town Manager may authorize advertising expenditures associated with responding to a near miss or declared disaster." Letting the traveling public know that Hilton Head Island has been spared the wrath of Hurricane Florence and is open for business is critical to both the short-term and long-term success of our important tourism industry.

Therefore I am approving the release of not to exceed \$175,000 from the Restricted Advertising Account based on and consistent with your proposed "Hurricane Florence PR/Digital Action Plan." This is a reimbursable grant. Funds will only be released upon presentation of invoices consistent with the approved Action Plan. No administrative overhead amounts are authorized.

Please coordinate with the Town Finance Director, John Troyer, or his designee, on all requests for reimbursement.

Steve Riley

Town Manager

Town of Hilton Head Island

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From: Orischak, Josephine A <Josephine.Orischak@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2018 1:38 PM
To: Orischak, Josephine A
Subject: Fw: Enrollment Numbers Spreadsheet
Attachments: 45-Day Enrollment Numbers.pdf

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From: Kris Kronlein <kris.kronlein@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2017 3:57:42 PM
To: Orischak, Josephine A
Subject: Fwd: Enrollment Numbers Spreadsheet

Hi JoAnn,

Just received your email about the HHI elementary schools and I concur.

Meant to blind copy you on the below email.

Good seeing you Tuesday - have a nice weekend!

Kris

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Date: Thu, Nov 30, 2017 at 3:53 PM
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Cc: Rich Bisi <bisi@roadrunner.com <mailto:bisi@roadrunner.com> >

Hello All,

Attached is a copy of the spreadsheet I was using to talk about enrollment numbers & capacity within the school district.

You can see from the numbers that we only have 2-3 schools that are an issue with being at capacity and there are other alternatives to remedy this issue without the school district doing a complete balanced rezoning.

Here are some of my thoughts:

Dr. Moss will find whatever program, numbers assessment, ratio calculator and etc. to justify re-zoning AND building more schools. So basically, I cannot trust any numbers being put out by him.

* The school district will NEVER be able to achieve a 'Balanced' school district because of school choice, natural topography of Beaufort County, and natural movement of people/families every year.

* When the school board voted to have school choice 2-3 years ago, they raised the acceptable capacity triggers and allowed school choice to fill-up to 95% capacity, from 90% capacity, so that they could offer the school choice program to all schools - they seem to forget that it was acceptable then for a school to be at capacity, but now it is not.

* Re-zoning for High Schools should NOT even be considered in any capacity. I know Dr. Moss is talking about only rising 12th graders would be grandfathered in, but that isn't enough! Once students are in high school, they are immersed in a study of program that you cannot just easily continue at another high school. Changing schools/environments in high school is one of the most stressful things for these kids have to deal with and it is already affecting them, thus, putting their overall schooling at jeopardy - doesn't sound like Dr. Moss cares about the students or test results does it, because if he did, he wouldn't be through out

some of the 'options' he's suggesting. AND, what about the sports part of it, many of these students are working towards getting an athletic scholarship, where many of these students play on club teams that they go to after school by walking, if some students are being re-zoned to another school, thus by putting them 12-15 miles from their club team, how are they suppose to get there? High school students for the most part only start to drive to school starting 11th grade, and then Not all high school students drive, so what are these kids suppose to do? The school district definitely hasn't thought this through, or maybe they have and do not care.

* Another item from the Student Reassignment Discussion presentation from Tuesday, is that they want to make HHI SCA a 1-8 grade, well this is a mistake, because this will become popular for parents like River Ridge Academy and then they will have the same issue at HHSCA is what they have at RRA. If students are already at HHIE IB and HHSCA, then those students just stay at their respective schools for 6th grade, easing up the overcrowding at the middle school - why does Dr. Moss AND Mary Cordray have to take a solution that is so simple and make it hard? I just don't understand it.

* The whole reason RRA became a 1-8 grade school, was so that they could fill it, because the zone area for that school was so small that they new having only grades 1-5 there was not going to give them enough students. Now that the school is over capacity, now is the time to move the 6-8 graders to the two Bluffton Middle schools where they belong, which then frees-up class space for students grades 1-5. Meaning you can then move some students from Pritchardville to RRA. By making these few couple of changes, they have alleviated the overcrowding and have kept the current zoning intact with the LEAST amount of disruption.

* If the school district needs to look at saving money, they need to look at closing 1-2 schools North of the Broad.

* If the school district feels they need to build, it should NOT be whole new facilities. Why? 1) It costs more money to build and maintain several buildings, rather than a few larger ones. 2) With the county being layed-out like it is, it is hard to zone for many schools, this is why the district is having the zoning problem that it is. If you have less schools, it is far easier to zone, you do not have the issues of diversity and you get a better sense of community when you have more supporting a school/team. Have some larger capacity schools is a good thing, not a bad thing, as Dr. Moss would like everyone to believe. Many of the top ranked schools in South Carolina, those ranked higher than the schools in Beaufort County are much, much larger, having on average 1800-4000 students.

I know there were additional thoughts I had, but these are the ones I could think of at the moment.

Let me know if any of you would ever like to get together on a Saturday morning for coffee - seems to be the only time I am free.

Respectfully,
Kris

From: Orischak, Josephine A <Josephine.Orischak@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Sent: Monday, September 17, 2018 12:24 PM
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Subject: Re: change to transparency report

All,

This will require an explanation by staff.

Please read the Education Week article I've attached here. Take note of the Prince
George School Board's decision to use an independent auditor:

<https://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2005/01/12/18consult.h24.html>

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On Sep 17, 2018, at 12:08 PM, fran bisi <eyelandart@yahoo.com
<mailto:eyelandart@yahoo.com> > wrote:

there is also a payment in August of 2016 which would again lead one to believe
that they are annual payments:

August 05, 2016 EDGENUITY INC EDGENUITY LICENSES - 2ND YEAR \$199,750.00
97 AID TO DISTRICTS

fran

On Monday, September 17, 2018, 11:42:13 AM EDT, Orischak, Josephine A <Josephine.Orischak@beaufort.k12.sc.us <mailto:Josephine.Orischak@beaufort.k12.sc.us> > wrote:

All,

The BCSD recently paid \$206,500.00 for Edgenuity license (term of 7/1/18-6/30/20).

I am not sure how long the BCSD has been using Edgenuity or under which superintendent this EdTech program was introduced to the BCSD. I have asked for the inception date of all our EdTech programs, however. Ms. Crosby has responded to my request that she will discuss with Dr. Berg. My reason for this information request is to understand how long we've been using various EdTech programs, and area they yielding the desired results. Not sure of the total dollar amount the BCSD invests in technology each year, but I'll bet it's a big number.

So you know, I have an email from Dr. Moss explaining that the superintendent does not select EdTech programs. He explains in this email that the Chief Instructional Services Officer (previously Dereck Rhoads, now Bonnie Almond) works with selection committees to decide best options. When asked if the Instructional Services Officer was required to seek approval for the purchasing from the superintendent, I was told NO.

Feel free to contact me if you have further questions.

Regards,

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On Sep 17, 2018, at 11:11 AM, Marilyn Bullard <bullardpiwko@aol.com
<mailto:bullardpiwko@aol.com> > wrote:

Fran: this program was obviously adopted under the former Supt. It's time for revaluation now that it's been in actual use for a while and the negatives seem to outweigh any positives. With the obvious stated cheating opportunities- common sense dictates a serious investigation as to the real producing effective outcomes of these end results. If easy cheating is involved than that is very disconcerting.

Time for Dr. Berg to get involved, in my opinion.

Thanks for raising awareness of this situation.

Lyn Piwko Bullard

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 17, 2018, at 10:14 AM, Stern Allan <Spiker149@hargray.com
<mailto:Spiker149@hargray.com> > wrote:

The Board of Education should be all over this. Not necessarily the money, which is bad enough, but the fact that Edgenuity is a lousy program that, instead of teaching the kids, is actually hurting them. What idiot picked this in the first place?

AI

On Sep 17, 2018, at 9:53 AM, fran bisi
<eyelandart@yahoo.com <mailto:eyelandart@yahoo.com> > wrote:

I have attached items from the July 2017 and 2018 Transparency Reports because since there is a change in information being reported. Instead of listing amounts paid by individual sources to one vendor and then showing the total amount of the check, the total is now omitted. The 2017 reports a total of \$210,385.00 paid to

Edgenuity while the 2018 report shows no total. The total for check #220844, dated 7/2018 should be shown as \$218,889.96.

The totals are missing for all checks with multiple transaction numbers throughout the report not just this one. Is there a reason for making this change? It is not complete or as transparent. Do you plan on publishing a corrected report and going back to the previous format?

There was a charge on the 2017 report for:
7/28/2017 EDGENUITY INC EDGENUITY LICENSES - 3RD YEAR
203243 \$14,025.67 10011401-534500-50019 GENERAL FUND DISTRICT OFFICE

There isn't a similar charge in 2018. Was the above charge to the district office an error? Why would the district office need an Edgenuity license in 2017 and not in 2018?

In addition, I am referring you to this website in regard to Edgenuity: <https://www.sitejabber.com/reviews/learn.education2020.com>
<<https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.sitejabber.com%2freviews%2flearn.education2020.com&c=E,1,scasKS3SkSuWTicbETrm-LS4A26j53UScYihNYap9wFr7L8Q7JZrxhEWlOT7TWIz1H-UTFhOh8oUoPWmPh5FdAIEF2w9mPm-cTrNQBpmRxQPZ3jca1KC14,&typo=1>>

The reviews are troubling. Here are some of the latest comments from a teacher, a mother and a student:

"Edgenuity, a students perspective."
<https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.sitejabber.com%2freviews%2flearn.education2020.com%23128&c=E,1,2LR1AKZLJQMj4z3v8G6_LOMIsTzc-GwLxqo0Yok-HDVpuH5Y9OVN7cxJdQAEKYXTfyz__C8WAiik62vekAe2bZhyVCrpcGTiUKkvV9sa&typo=1>

"Edgenuity is a good program, if you want your students to be brainless idiots. The program causes many students to cheat on quizzes, tests, and exams that the program offers, if the teachers aren't watching the students like a hawk, students will open a new tab, and search up answers on "Quizlet" or, "Brainly", or many other sites, instead

of being intrigued by the information they are receiving, they sit around on their phones, or playing simple .io games on the web browsers. Where as in a regular classrooms, students can be more interested in what they're learning and actually pay attention to what the instructor is teaching, the teachers have personalities that some, or most students could like, teachers can be witty and funny, but still get their job done, where as the teachers on edgenuity are professional, and you don't get to meet them or talk to them when you have questions. My teachers hardly help me with edgenuity if I ever have questions because they themselves are at a loss of what I am saying. They just say, "Go take notes, watch the videos, pay attention!" How is that supposed to help me when I have a question needing an answer? Edgenuity causes students to not learn, but cheat and lie, it does not help us as students. If there were precautions to prevent cheating, for example, on a test you could block tabs from being open, or only allow one tab open at a time, it would help everyone and prevent cheating. Have phones taken away for tests. Other than the teaching being bad, the cheating and lying, and deceit, the program being boring, Edgenuity is O.K."

"Mothers Review"

<https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.sitejabber.com%2freviews%2flearn.education2020.com%23121&c=E,1,HaBZ8Toi198Vt6K-rQspvdtO1iNyypkfi8-LGHj_mwUKOJ2XiITvwg1URePLi4MT3PtYFdsTfrGoqshJTBLD4GV1ObtonmLOMo_sZLSJO1Jl-fg9E6zcd15mPA,,&typo=1>

7/26/18

I home schooled my 3 kids for years and over the years we have used several different computer/online programs. This one is the worst school I have seen yet!

The links are broken and don't work with Microsoft computers or EDGE. Because of that my kids were unable to work on the ridiculous amount of writing assignments and we had to switch to Internet Explore and have unfiltered internet on their computers at school and at home. Not being able to protect our family is really something the school needs to fix. Oh and calling the service line was another huge waste of time. They fixed nothing even though they said the problem was their top priority. 6 months of this and they never fixed it!

The waste of time having to sit and watch hundreds of boring, low volume, repeating videos. I have never seen my kids sit so long at their computers wasting their time! I also found out the videos are outdated, by 10 years! English has changed in 10 years and the amount of propaganda seeing coming through the videos is outrageous. Teach English not moral philosophy please! I am beyond frustrated with this whole process, watching my teens have to stay up until 3 am at times, And believe me they were all crying at some

point in this program. They spent more time on this school then all 5 of their in school classes!!! It is a waste of taxpayer money, time and resources. A filler at best to fill a need, but a complete waste!

And finally, this from a teacher which, if accurate, is alarming:

“A Teacher Review of Edgenuity”

<https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.sitejabber.com%2freviews%2flearn.education2020.com%23124&c=E,1,byz4SWxJ1k8whXMBmgO3cibwqu3xFLG0MLLVul3rT_2dPFABWkLb7FGjx_WI4vwRVCgOplOM3dM1eHj65O9XV5EXz-sdlK9UuHqaRThBv6X9Sw,,&typo=1>

8/3/18

“I have never seen more cheating and less knowledge being gained in a subject than I have with Edgenuity. The school I teach in uses this program. It is their version of an online "school". Students will copy and paste questions online to find the answers. If they Google Edgenuity answers, they will also find the answers to test and quiz questions. The program does not have multiple tests or quizzes. It has used the same ones for all students for over a half a decade. Finding answers to tests is easy. It is especially easy to find multiple choice answers. To make matters worse, the online grading will automatically give students 100% for answers that are completely wrong in essays or fill in the blanks. As long as something is typed (jdhdudjdhdjskdhej as an example), or uses one word that relates to the topic (like copying and pasting the exact question being asked) the Edgenuity system will mark 100% on the assignment. Students that are in the online program because they have failed the course previously in a classroom. They now come out with a credit (recovered) with B's and A's but literally know nothing about the topic. These students then get the credit (not the knowledge) needed to obtain the diploma or to advance to the next grade. Edgenuity, programs like it, and the school districts that use then are lowering the value of a high school diploma and sending kids out into the world with the wrong set of values.

So why do districts use this program? It's called federal and state funding. Getting more students to graduate means more money for the district. It's almost a forced position due to regulations that tie funds to academic tests that don't take into account student difficulties, such as drug use, absent parents or illnesses which are all too prevalent in today's world. Students are not immune to the affects of poverty and the heroin/opoid epidemic.

Students should be angered at the way their education is being cheated. I know I am.”