



**Office of Representative Lauren McNally
59th Ohio House District**

September 14, 2023

Youngstown Board of Education
20 W Wood St., Youngstown, OH 44503

RE: Ongoing Youngstown Teacher's Strike

Dear Members of the Youngstown Board of Education,

On behalf of the people of Ohio's 59th district, I am writing to express my concerns related to the ongoing teachers strike. Resolving this stalemate, and strike which begun on August 23rd, requires leadership at every level.

As elected members of our community, you are the caretakers of our children's public education and the voice of parents. School districts are required to be open for a minimum of 910-1,001 hours of instruction, dependent on grade level, during each academic year. Today marks the 16th day of lost in-person learning for our scholars, and a significant overall loss in total instructional hours this year.

Disappointingly, and based off all publicly available information, current negotiations do not seem to be moving forward. The work needed to preserve our children's education will go beyond the conclusion of this stalemate. I ask this Board: do you feel confident that the current leadership is best suited to work with all valuable stakeholders in ensuring a path forward for Youngstown's kids, and that this leadership will work both during negotiations and throughout the remainder of the academic year toward the best outcomes for Youngstown students? I have serious concerns with whether this is true.

As Board members you possess the power to create a leadership structure that best supports Youngstown students. I strongly urge you to exercise the authority necessary to give our kids the future they deserve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lauren McNally".

Representative Lauren McNally
Ohio House District 59

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