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To whom it may concern,

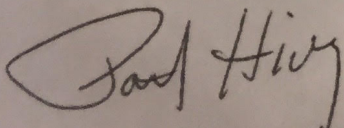
The charges filed against me are false. I voluntarily spoke with investigators and voluntarily took a polygraph test with a Forensic Psychophysiologicalist with 30 years of experience. His conclusion was that I told the truth and have not had sexual activity with any student, ever.

I led the Washington Local School District for 14 years and we achieved unprecedented success as we cared for and lifted up students in amazing ways. Being named the Top Workplace, with the top leader, in a district that loved all kids equally will forever be in my soul.

At the advice of my attorney I will be resigning my seat on the Washington Local School Board. The kids, staff, and community deserve better than for me to be the focus over the coming months. While it breaks my heart, it is the right thing to do. I apologize to the thousands who voted for me and who knew I could make a difference in the lives of kids, teachers, and staff.

I will now fight for justice and truth. My wife, kids, parents and siblings deserve for their Dad, husband, son, and brother to fight for them.

Sincerely,



Patrick Hickey