



WANTAGH UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES • 3301 BELTAGH AVENUE • WANTAGH, NY 11793 • (516) 679-6310

Anthony Greco, *President* • Michael Cucci, *Vice-President*
Kera McLoughlin, *Trustee* • Peter Mountanos, *Trustee* • Ann-Marie Sturniolo, *Trustee*

January 30, 2017

Sen. Charles Schumer
757 Third Ave., Suite 1702
New York, NY 11017

Dear Senator Schumer:

As the Wantagh Board of Education we would like to take this opportunity to express our deep concern with the nomination of Betsy DeVos for the United States Secretary of Education.


As a school community, we continuously strive to ensure that our students receive a quality education in an environment that will ensure their college and career readiness. Public schools educate approximately 85 percent of our nation's children. As a body elected by the residents of Wantagh and as avid defenders of New York State public education, we cannot support a nominee who has provided no evidence of support for public schools.

In addition it appears that Ms. DeVos lacks all of the credentials generally held by a Secretary of Education. In this regard it is our understanding that she holds no degree in education, has never held a position in the field of education and has never attended a public school. In fact, it appears that her experience in education consists mainly of lobbying for charter schools, vouchers, privatization and the removal of control from those who have been elected to locally govern. Thus our deep concern is that she will support an agenda that will denigrate public school districts.

It should also be noted, that, from a review of her record, it appears that Ms. DeVos has no experience ensuring equal education opportunities for students within the public sector which is required by law.

In conclusion, it appears that Ms. DeVos does not have the requisite experience, credentials, fitness or ethical independence for the position of Secretary of Education. We thus urge you to reject Betsy DeVos' nomination as Secretary of Education, so as to protect public education and the public schools.

Sincerely,


Anthony Greco, President
Wantagh Board of Education



WANTAGH UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES • 3301 BELTAGH AVENUE • WANTAGH, NY 11793 • (516) 679-6310

January 30, 2017

Anthony Greco, *President* • Michael Cucci, *Vice-President*
Kera McLoughlin, *Trustee* • Peter Mountanos, *Trustee* • Ann-Marie Sturniolo, *Trustee*

Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand
780 Third Ave., Suite 2601
New York, NY 11017

Dear Senator Gillibrand:

As the Wantagh Board of Education we would like to take this opportunity to express our deep concern with the nomination of Betsy DeVos for the United States Secretary of Education.


As a school community, we continuously strive to ensure that our students receive a quality education in an environment that will ensure their college and career readiness. Public schools educate approximately 85 percent of our nation's children. As a body elected by the residents of Wantagh and as avid defenders of New York State public education, we cannot support a nominee who has provided no evidence of support for public schools.

In addition it appears that Ms. DeVos lacks all of the credentials generally held by a Secretary of Education. In this regard it is our understanding that she holds no degree in education, has never held a position in the field of education and has never attended a public school. In fact, it appears that her experience in education consists mainly of lobbying for charter schools, vouchers, privatization and the removal of control from those who have been elected to locally govern. Thus our deep concern is that she will support an agenda that will denigrate public school districts.

It should also be noted, that, from a review of her record, it appears that Ms. DeVos has no experience ensuring equal education opportunities for students within the public sector which is required by law.

In conclusion, it appears that Ms. DeVos does not have the requisite experience, credentials, fitness or ethical independence for the position of Secretary of Education. We thus urge you to reject Betsy DeVos' nomination as Secretary of Education, so as to protect public education and the public schools.

Sincerely,


Anthony Greco, President
Wantagh Board of Education