

August 1, 2016

Honorable Paul O. Berman
United States District Court
231 W. Lafayette, Room 737
Detroit, Michigan 48226

Dear Judge Berman,

I stand before you, this Court, and this community totally remorseful regarding my actions which have led me to appear before this Court. I wish to say from the start that I accept full responsibility and accountability for my violation of the trust bestowed upon me by the Detroit Public Schools, the City of Detroit, and most importantly the children whose parents entrusted their lives, their safety, and their education to me.

I offer no excuses, rationale, nor justification for my actions, because there are none.

For more than 40 years I dedicated my professional life to DPS and the community it serves, beginning as a secretary, completing

My educational degrees which allowed me to become a classroom teacher, an administrator and ultimately a principal.

During my years as an educator, I encouraged my students, colleagues, and staff to adhere to the rules, do their jobs and hold themselves accountable for the work they put in and the outcomes of that work. Yet, I failed to adhere to the rules that I demanded from those who worked with me and I take full responsibility and ownership for my actions.

I tried to lead by example; whether in an office, in the classroom, and as the educational leader of the schools to which I was assigned as principal. I earned the respect of my colleagues, my staff, and my superiors yet, I failed to adhere to the rules.

It is my hope and my prayer that you will look at my life as a whole; to consider that I was a dedicated educator, that I was an educational leader who earned the respect of those who worked with me and supervised me because I put every ounce of my being into providing the quality education the children of Detroit need and deserve.

I will end by echoing what I used to say to my students; a mistake occurs when you do something incorrectly. The actions which brings me before you were not a mistake, they were wrong. I offer my sincere apologies to my students and their parents, The Detroit Public Schools and to my family. No words can adequately address the level of remorse I feel for what this has cost all of you.

I thank this court and Your Honor for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Beverly Campbell