



February 13, 2019

Dear Titan Community,

It is with renewed hope and determination that I, CEO David Hardy Jr., am committed to working together with the Lorain City School Board of Education as we move our district forward. As we both agree the important mission of the district is best done with mutual support, understanding and input from all parties involved.

With respectful understanding that Mayor Chase Ritenauer has submitted a request to bring all parties together, I am thankful for his leadership in doing so. But as Chief Executive Officer of the district, I am confident that the communication between myself and School Board President Mark Ballard has become the strongest and most consistent communication—between myself and any sitting board member—that has occurred during my tenure. It is with that confidence I believe we can, and will continue to, move this district forward.

As the work that remains is of the utmost importance—and commands the attention of all parties involved in the decision making process—I believe it is in the best interest of our district, and its children, that any discussions pertaining to our future are reserved to be heard by a full Academic Distress Commission. With that said, I look forward to the continued collaboration with the School Board, through President Ballard. In the near future, we plan to bring our conversations to the entire school board to discuss, with the understanding that any conversations had are to be productive ones, and will continue to align with the established duties of the Academic Distress Commission's monitoring of the progress of the Lorain Promise.

In the best interest of scholars,

David Hardy Jr.  
CEO  
Lorain City Schools