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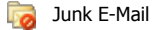
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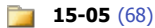
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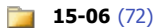
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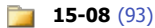
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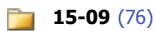
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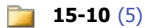
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## Telephone correction, call 980-343-5139 to speak next week, Tuesday, October 13th CMS BOE meeting, Again, 980-343-5139

Colette Forrest [cforrest6@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, October 05, 2015 7:26 PM

Below is the unaltered e-mail that I received from a CMS School Board member and beneath his is my response.

Rather we are Sandra Bland, Michelle Obama or Colette Forrest we as African-American women have value. Our opinions are not garbage and because we live in America we are free to possess opinions AND state them. We do not have vendettas, we have vision. Vision for ourselves and our children. Our greatest personal issues are not with ourselves, but with some in society that wish to limit our station, beauty and power; until of course the Oprah, Shonda and Viola crush those limitations underneath their feet.

We are not angry, but are accurate with laser focus and fierce faith. We have to be, for ourselves and for our children.

**I hope to see you next Tuesday, October 13th @ 6pm in the chamber of the Government Center.**

**You don't have to speak, but if you wish to, call 980-343-5139 a sap to sign up.**

Your mere presence will show our strength and give me strength.

Keep me in your prayers and thank you.

Colette Forrest

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Date: **Mon, 28 Sep 2015 20:55:25 -0400**

**Subject: RE: We deserve a process to be put in place for a NEW Superintendent regional, statewide or national search.**

Collette,

The citizens of Mecklenburg County deserve better than this type of garbage you are sending out. I know the Board deserves better considerations. You evidently have some type of vendetta to resolve internally and I would appreciate it if you would resolve your personal issues first then come to the board with true and accurate statements along with realistic solutions.

Paul

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

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Subject: Thank you so very much for your e-mail.

Date: Mon, 28 Sep 2015 21:45:53 -0400

I am so blessed to be a proud CMS parent of a bright & talented 8 year old African-American young man, in fact we were just signing up for Khan academy and when I saw your e-mail I had to break away to respond.

We both read your e-mail, he's in the 3rd grade (but reads on 2nd semester 4th grade level) and we were both confused by your use of the word garbage. He says, "Mommy garbage is trash and your e-mail is facts." I just smiled. Kids say the darnedest things.

Vendetta?? Are you kidding me??

I'm so blessed it's unfair! I'm a 48 year old African-American woman that looks 38, healthy, happy and blessed. I have an 8 year old son who scored a 98 on his CogAt in his 1st few weeks of 2nd grade, on his Gifted Rating Scales he scored 65 or higher in the areas of Intellectual, Academic and Leadership. (That was completed by his 1st grade teacher.)

My son identified as AIG in both reading and math. In his MAP he is (94%-98 percentile consistently) and Dibels his NWF-CLS is 106, NWF-WWF is 33, DORF Fluency is 145 and DORF Accuracy is 99.

Oh yes, his Rubric Ratings consistently on his report cards are 3 and mostly 4s.

So I cannot be happier with myself or my son and I want those results for ALL children within CMS.

I did however, make some corrections to my earlier sent e-mail (please see highlighted.). However, all statements below are factual.

Take it easy Mr. Bailey, this is America, we are a democracy. Citizens get to share their thoughts with others AND their elected officials.

What's wrong with putting a process in place to find the next Superintendent?

Please have a wonderful night, Ann Clark is lucky to have you in her corner!

Colette Forrest

----- Original message -----

From: Colette Forrest <[coletteforrest@hotmail.com](mailto:coletteforrest@hotmail.com)>

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Subject: We deserve a process to be put in place for a NEW Superintendent regional, statewide or national search.

On **Tuesday, October 13th @ 6pm** in City-County Government Building Chamber located 600 East 4th Street at the 6pm scheduled CMS School Board meeting; stand up for your babies, grandbabies, nieces and nephews enrolled in CMS public schools.

We deserve a process to be put in place for a **NEW** Superintendent regional, statewide or national search.

### **Facts:**

- . **African American children make up the largest racial group in CMS.**
- . **The present interim Superintendent was the architect in closing 10 African-American schools.**
- . **The present interim Superintendent has a contract that ends in 2016** of which she stated she would retire at the end of her contract. **The contract pays the present interim Superintendent \$260,000.00.**
- . **The present interim Superintendent does NOT have her an advanced degree in Educational Leadership and has NEVER been a permanent Superintendent of a major Urban**

# **School District or ANY SCHOOL DISTRICT.**

- . The present interim Superintendent has previously interviewed at both CMS and Wake County among others and NOT been chosen to be Superintendent.**
- . The present interim Superintendent has been at CMS for 32 years.**

Our Children, Parents and Staff deserve a fresh set of eyes and a new perspective towards CMS.

**WE** deserve a process **AND** an opportunity to be heard.

**WE** deserve the BEST person for the job!

**Call the Board's office at (980) 343-5139 and ask to be placed on the list of speakers for the October 13th Board meeting.**

**Also call and write ALL 9 Board members** to let them know we want a process and want to be included in the process.

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