October 16, 2019

To whom it may concern:

Please find this letter intent to file an official complaint about the submission for the Racine Unified School District (RUSD) in compliance with the Every Student Succeeds Act.

As concerned parents and community members, we have held numerous meetings and forums in the hope of working with the RUSD in creating a system that prioritizes the needs of our students in ways that impact true student learning. Unfortunately, we have been completely left out of the process, planning, and creation of the proposed RUSD plan.

According to the attached document outlining the consultative processes required under ESSA as well as the guidance created by the Chief States School Officers entitled “Let’s Get This Conversation Started” (June 2016), parents, staff, and community members among others are supposed to be a part of the planning for and creation of the local education agency’s (LEA) ESSA plan.

Unfortunately, as is clearly indicated on page two of the RUSD ESSA plan, none of the required persons were involved in the planning for or creation of the proposed plan. In fact, at no time in the process were any persons other than upper level administrators and central office staff even consulted in the development of the plan.

We are deeply concerned that this lack of regard for the intent of the law and the interests of the parents and the community will result in a status quo that does not utilize the potential within the federal law to improve learning for all students and continues to questionably spend taxpayer dollars.

Sincerely,
Racine Community Coalition for Public Schools

cc: Dr. Tony Evers, Governor
     Dr. Carolyn Stanford Taylor, Superintendent of Public Schools
     Betsy DeVos, US Secretary of Education
     Congressman Bryan Steil
     Assemblyman Robin Vos

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