

Rochester Public Schools Alumni Call for the Resignation of Michael Muñoz

We, the undersigned Rochester Public Schools students, alumni, and community members, call for the resignation of Michael Muñoz as Superintendent of the Rochester Public Schools.

Recently, it has come to light that Mr. Munoz has a history of plagiarism, persisting at least the past three years.ⁱ Mr. Munoz plagiarized multiple graduation speeches and letters to families and students from other educators and administrators.ⁱⁱ This is the second set of allegations to come to light in the last three months.ⁱⁱⁱ

We were and still are students educated through the Rochester Public Schools system. We are parents who entrusted the Rochester Public Schools with our children. We taught and were taught over and over again that plagiarism is academic dishonesty, and such actions will have severe consequences. Not only did Mr. Muñoz decide to plagiarize repeatedly, he decided to plagiarize items which were supposed to have been written with a heartfelt hand. Beyond academic dishonesty, his actions betrayed the members of this community who assumed he had written communications with his own effort, that he had cared enough to do so.

The Rochester Public Schools *Rights, Rules, and Regulations* (RRR) define plagiarism as "... copying the work of others or copying portions of books, magazines, research materials, or Internet sources without using proper citations or attributions."^{iv} Furthermore, the RRR defines plagiarism as a violation of the student code of conduct, which could be subject to, among other things, out-of-school suspension and expulsion.^v

As Superintendent, Mr. Muñoz is the chief administrator of the schools; he should have held himself to the standards he set for the rest of the Rochester Public Schools system. Failing that, he should have held himself responsible for his own actions and modeled the behavior he preaches to the student population. By repeatedly plagiarizing, he has failed his duty to uphold the standards entrusted to him by the students, teachers, and the community as a whole.

If Mr. Munoz does not resign, what message would the Rochester Public Schools be sending to our future generations of students? What does it say about the American system when it's okay for the leaders to cheat but not for students? Leadership comes from the top. In these instances of plagiarism, we believe Mr. Munoz has lost our trust to ensure the highest educational standards that our community deserves.

Therefore, for the aforementioned reason, for the sake of Mr. Munoz himself, the community, and the students, we call for his immediate resignation.

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Elizabeth King, Century 2018
Elizabeth Spencer, Century 2019
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