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Dr. Tony Sanders
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Dear Dr. Sanders,

Thanks for taking the time to talk yesterday about the Champaign Schools situation. As mentioned, two board members previously had resigned and then two others walked out of a board meeting earlier this week leaving the Board without quorum and unable to conduct business. Here are a couple links to recent news stories on the matter:

[Second Unit 4 school board member steps down less than a year after being elected | News | news-gazette.com](https://www.news-gazette.com/news/after-two-members-walk-out-champaign-school-board-meeting-canceled/article_3e767497-d0c6-5827-82a6-71ee6e2cef13.html)

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Needless to say, this is an untenable position for the kids of this district. I have talked with members on both sides, and while this may very well be intractable, the two members I spoke with both seemed willing to engage in some sort of professional mediation in order to try and get the Board back into at least a minimally functioning state.

Anything you can do to help spur this type of effort on (or any other suggestions you may have) would be much appreciated!

Thanks again for taking the time and for caring about the school kids in this district!

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chapin Rose". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chapin Rose
State Senator – 51st District