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**OhioMBE Procurement Fair**

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To: Alissha.Mitchell@bexleyschools.org

Wed, Jul 27, 2016 at 6:56 PM

Hey Alissha! Happy Wednesday. Hope all is well.

I have previously contacted the Superintendent extending an invitation to attend the no-cost OhioMBE Procurement Fairs. The OhioMBE Procurement Fairs introduce small and minority owned businesses to purchasing opportunities. Mr. Johnson was quite rude and indicated the district was not interested in a no-cost inclusion activity.

I am reaching out to you as a board member. I believe that entities that receive public dollars from a diverse tax base have a moral obligation to be inclusive in their purchasing efforts.

The next OhioMBE Procurement Fair will be held on August 17 from 1 to 4 pm at the Women's Business Center. My clients get 15 minutes to meet one-on-one to introduce their products/services. They are very interested in finding out about purchasing opportunities with your school district.

Can you assist me in convincing the Bexley City Schools to attend? More information can be found online at [www.OhioMBEProcurementFairs.com](http://www.OhioMBEProcurementFairs.com).

Looking forward to working with you.

Best,  
Ronda

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Thu, Jul 28, 2016 at 8:23 PM

Ronda,

It is surprising to hear about your experience with Dr. Johnson. It is not characteristic of the person I know.

Unfortunately, the BoE does not direct our administration on purchasing activities in this manner. I would recommend reaching out to him perhaps with correspondence to pursue a partnership as I have known him to be very open to always doing what is best for our district.

As the 17th is the first day of school for Bexley, I unfortunately would have to decline your invite.

Good luck to you and certainly keep trying!

Warm Regards,  
Alissha Mitchell