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OhioMBE Procurement Fair

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Alissha - My impression of your school district came directly from my interactions with the superintendent. As I stated before, he was extremely rude, condescending and unprofessional in the conversation I had with him, thus resulting in the Bexley City Schools being placed on the OhioMBE Wall of Shame.

I am certain you have a different relationship with him in your role as a board member. After all, the BOE is his boss. Perhaps he treats "outsiders" or those he doesn't have to answer to differently. Some folks are very sensitive and defensive when it comes to issues of inclusion and Black people.

As the publisher of the largest Black-owned business newspaper in Ohio, I take the issue of minority business and inclusion seriously. It appears Black folks tax dollars are welcomed but they businesses aren't.

There are far too many public school districts who receive public funding from a diverse tax base and refuse to be inclusive in their purchasing because they are not required to be. They have no interest in outreach or good-faith contracting efforts.

I have no sales pitch, I simply offered the district a no-cost outlet to meet small and minority businesses.

Enjoy your weekend.

Ronda
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