

December 27, 2024

Dear Governor Walz:

After much reflection, and with sincere gratitude to the DFL Party and the people of District 40B, I have made the difficult decision not to accept my seat in the Minnesota House of Representatives and to resign from the Office of State Representative effective immediately and irrevocably.

It has been a privilege to serve Roseville and the surrounding communities on the Roseville School Board for the past seven years, and I had hoped to continue to do so as the Representative for District 40B.

While I disagree with the conclusions reached by the District Court, I recognize that whatever the decision on appeal, the ultimate decision belongs to the Legislature, where it appears there is no viable pathway for me being allowed to retain my seat. Rather than dragging this out further, I have decided to resign now, so that a special election can be held as soon as possible and the people of 40B will be represented in the Legislature.

Although I will not be in the Legislature, I look forward to continuing to serve the community that I love and working on the issues I am passionate about—such as fully funding our public schools, protecting the rights of the LGBTQ+ community with a state and federal Equal Rights Amendment, and addressing climate change. I hope to be able to partner with you, your administration, and the Legislature in this work.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Curtis Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Curtis Johnson