

# A call for BCSD's Ed Reder to resign over data error handling

To the Editor:

On Oct. 25, the Bedford Central School District reported inflated test results for Mount Kisco Elementary School's third-grade dual language participants. So why were glaring flaws not ferreted out by the Board's Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Sub-Committee Chair? Not once did Chairman Ed Reder challenge any piece of data reported let alone ask a single probing question. Instead, Mr. Reder, a Mount Kisco resident and outspoken dual language advocate, appeared almost giddy upon hearing the results.

Even when a community member identified errors, Mr. Reder was dismissive and appeared angry at the very suggestion that something like this had happened. But it did, despite his repeated assurances to the contrary.

These glaring inaccuracies conveniently slipped right under Mr. Reder's nose and fortuitously, fit the narrative he's been promulgating all along.

What's troubling is how Mr. Reder negated his fiduciary responsibility, not to mention his blatant disregard for his sworn duty to represent all district communities. To the contrary, Mr. Reder has evolved into a political puppet for Mount Kisco, taking advantage of his position like the proverbial fox guarding the hen house while risking the quality of our kids' education.

All aspects concerning dual language and assessment tests are the purview of the CIA Sub-Committee and therefore Mr. Reder. Faced with a choice between embracing self-serving test results or performing even an iota of due dili-

gence, Mr. Reder opted to turn a blind eye and unwittingly embarrassed the district in the process. Thus, I ask the community to demand that Mr. Reder immediately resign from the Board of Education due to discernible conflicts of interest, flagrant breaches of public trust and hostile behavior unbecoming a board member, witnessed by me and others, including off-camera temper tantrums, intimidating fist pounding and inexplicable verbal tirades unleashed on unsuspecting board members.

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*Editor's note: Mr. Solomon served on the Bedford Central School District Board of Education from 2013 until 2016.*