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GED PROGRAM IN LIMBO

Remarkable abandonment

Here are thoughts on a variety of topics in the news:

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So, is anybody going to step up and make clear to the public what's next for the GED program in Omaha?

The Omaha Public Schools board so far hasn't. With its 10-1 vote on Monday, the board decided not only to walk away unapologetically from providing that needed service but to do so without providing information on the proposed transition of the program to another entity.

Yes, OPS faces great budget challenges, and an argument can be made for focusing on "front-end" needs. But many if not most of the GED students are former OPS students. And OPS's abandonment of this program will have wide-ranging effects on individuals. Whether OPS acknowledges it or not, there is a crucial communitywide interest involved here.