

**MICHIGAN STATE
UNIVERSITY**

George J. Perles



November 28, 2018

**The Honorable Brian Breslin
Chairperson
Board of Trustees
Michigan State University**

Dear Trustee Breslin:

After careful and considerable thought, I have decided to tender my resignation as a member of the Board of Trustees for Michigan State University. This resignation is effective immediately.

This decision was not easy nor was it made without consulting my family and medical advisers.

Michigan State University has been a home to me and my family for nearly 65 years. I arrived on campus shortly after completing my U.S. Army service. I met and married my wife, Sally, while at MSU and we lived in married housing with our first two children. I continued to be an ardent MSU supporter and proud Michigander even as I began my professional career and resided outside of the state.

Sally and I were delighted to return to our dream job when I was asked to lead the football team and serve a short term as athletic director. After attending the university and serving as an employee, the next step was to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees. As a trustee, my goal was to help navigate the challenges of maintaining and growing an institution that, in my mind, is the finest university in the country.



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It has been no secret that I have been living with a number of health challenges. Despite the limitations, I continued to support the university and remained focused on fulfilling my commitments as a Trustee.

As this year comes to a close, so begins a time of reflection. At age 84, my mobility is compromised and I live with the effects of Parkinson's every day. The ramifications of my health issues continue to grow. I have been blessed with a wife who has sacrificed much to tend to my needs and to provide constant care.

At this juncture, I feel that Sally deserves some respite. We need to make our life smaller as we age and consider our quality of life. Our family has bled green and white for the better part of our lives. It's time to step back and allow the next generation to carry the MSU torch.

Therefore, with a heavy heart, I have decided to resign as a member of the MSU Board of Trustees effective immediately.

I have been blessed to have a wonderful family, a wealth of experiences and a fulfilling career. MSU provided the foundation for much of my success. I most sincerely thank the voters of this state for twice electing me to the position of Board of Trustee. I have always respected the trust they placed in me and only hope that my contributions have helped to illustrate my most sincere gratitude.

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Sincerely,

A large black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of George Perles.

George Perles