

Readers Speak Up On Livonia Recall Movement

EDITOR:
Apparently the time has come for the parents who are involved in the recall movement to present to the public their stand as it relates to the education of our young people.

A Franklin High School teacher wrote in the April 3 Observer regarding misinformation he felt he had received. We know that we will be the target of such letters, however, we will not waver in what we believe to be the pursuit of a just cause.

Three and one-half page document referred to by the gentleman deserves some comment. The statement contained on the cover sheet reads "It appears that extreme interests are attempting to join this recall movement."

At two meetings since March 7, Mrs. Schreiber remained silent when requested to identify her "extremists." Also, it was not mentioned in the letter to the editor that this document was printed and distributed from the Board of Education office to all school employees, which we feel is a complete waste of tax monies.

There is a group of ninth grade students in our school district who, for the third time in four years, have been scheduled for half-days (or, "extended sessions" if you please) at Franklin High School and Bentley Elementary School for the 1968-69 school year. In addition, this will be their fifth school in four years, and the end is not yet in sight.

This has been necessary due to the presence of Nankin Mills School District tuition students enrolled in our school district. It might be of interest to know that these students have not been shuffled around nor have they been on half-days.

Currently, there are 481 tuition students at Bentley High School, and there are 559 Nankin Mills tuition students projected for entry into our senior high schools for the 1968-69 school year.

Tuition fees are collected for these students to pay for operational costs, but costs for the construction of classrooms are being provided by the taxpayers of Livonia and that portion of Westland belonging to the Livonia School District.

We have been told that the absence of the tuition students would not make any difference in the scheduling as it relates to our 400 Livonia students. However, simple arithmetic dictates differently. We grant that our administrative staff would have to reschedule classes.

We, as parents, insist that this school system is obligated to provide each student in the Livonia School District with a

full day of school on a normal schedule before providing for tuition students. Tuition students are being provided with full educational facilities, and will not be disturbed because they are an integral part of Bentley High School according to the present Board of Education policy. We would be most

pleased if our children were being given the same consideration and concern.

It might be of interest to the general public, the alternatives which were referred or discussed for our students among them, requesting your support; ask to read the alternatives and the reasons for not implementing the alternatives.

We have only one comment to make in that regard—if the proposed alternatives are good enough for our young people, then certainly, they must be good enough for tuition students. When a parent calls on you, requesting your support, ask to read the alternatives and the reasons for not implementing the alternatives.

You will discover, as we did, that our board members and administrative staff seem to be more concerned with the tuition students and the staff already hired for the yet to be built Churchill High School than with the immediate problem of providing fairly for our own students.

Several innuendoes have been made about the dire consequences of this movement. It would be helpful if clear statements of fact were presented to us.

We are not asking for the impossible. We are working very hard to secure equal education and facilities for our young people, which should not be necessary since we are residents of this city.

We will not be deterred into other arguments by those who would like to cloud the issue at hand.

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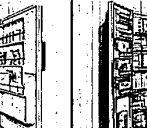

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Mourns King Loss

EDITOR:
I am deeply saddened by the death of our American leader and Nobel Peace Prize winner, Dr. Martin Luther King. As a white American I too want the American dream that Dr. King so non-violently fought for.

I urge that Livonia citizens will also accept the challenge of Dr. King's "American Dream," and fight for the civil rights of all men. White men will never be free until they break the chains of prejudice, fear and ignorance. White men can be free if they accept the challenge of "Equality for all" regardless of race, religion or creed.

We must as Americans show understanding, intelligent concern, and love for our fellow man. If we cannot accept the challenge of equality for all—then we are not Americans and we live when we pledge allegiance to the flag, when we sing our National Anthem—or "America the Beautiful." How beautiful is America today?

How free can any American feel while surrounded by hate and fear? Let us stop living an American lie and start living the "American Dream."

For Freedom of Man,
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Time To Speak Up
EDITOR:
While our men are fighting the Communists in Vietnam, our government continues to increase trade and aid with the Soviet Communist bloc of nations.

The Soviet bloc is providing over 80% of the war materials to North Vietnam which means through our aid to the Communists we are providing the very weapons with which our men are being killed, while bravely fighting a war they are not permitted to win.

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