

Supports Four Candidates

To the Editor:

Please vote for Sordi, Scherf, Hochsprung and Barber on Thursday, June 7.

Equal education for all students of Region 14 seems to be a driving force pushing reconfiguration, yet reconfiguration is creating a great inequity in our region.

The board seems to find it impossible to deliver the same curriculum in two separate buildings, but thinks teachers can teach the same curriculum as thoroughly in two and a half hours as they can in six hours.

Equal is defined as having the same quantity, measure or value as another. Two and a half hours of instructional time is not equal to six. Most students will be receiving three and a half hours more than their peers. This is an obvious, measurable difference.

We have been told that literacy and numeracy will be taught in the morning and will be the same for everyone. What will be happening in the afternoon? Teachers will either be reinforcing what was taught earlier, teaching new concepts, possibly science and social studies, or baby-sitting. Are some children entitled to extra instruction? Should taxpayers pay for baby-sitting?

The board thinks that this inequity is fine because parents were given a choice. Parents who attended screening were given a choice. Most of those who registered, but did not attend screening, will have to be satisfied with half of what others are receiving.

Did parents know at the time they answered the survey that most classes would be full day? Would parents that asked for half-day kindergarten still want it, knowing that it will place their child in the minority?

Curriculum and instruction can be the same in two locations, but not in within a three and a half hour time difference.

Vote for Sordi, Scherf, Hochsprung and Barber. They will speak for all students, even the little ones.

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