

COALITION FOR EDUCATIONAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE

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SCHOOL DISTRICT FACING MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR DEFICIT SUPERINTENDENT WALTER MARKS' WRECKLESS, ILLEGAL, AND WASTEFUL SPENDING HABITS PLUNGES SCHOOLS DEEPER AND DEEPER INTO THE RED

Substantial Staff Cuts Anticipated – Another Reorganization Pending

Brenda Thompson-Kistner Continues To Discriminate Against Blacks

- Budget Director Roger Lee projects minimum of 2 million dollar deficit (our investigation and review of the records indicate that it could be as high as 7 million).
- Marks continues to pay his "country" singing friend and Don "The HUCKSTER" Waldrip tens and even hundreds of thousands of dollars for dubious "educational" consulting on such things as picking personality types using COLOR CHARTS.
- ART RAINWATER'S "special" female employees are paid \$60,550 and \$71,883 to do unnecessary "busy" work.
- Penderly Clark is trying to leave before budget mess is revealed but Marks wants her to "straighten" things out before she leaves (Ha! Ha! Ha!).
- The despicable Art Rainwater tries to hide his incompetence. Why does he need an assistant Superintendent earning \$75,000, an administrative assistant ("Gofer") earning \$45,000, and a Research Instructional Specialist earning \$60,550? What is he being paid \$77,000 to do?
- Why did the bigoted Brenda Thompson-Kistner put a young inexperienced 23 year old white girl over and in charge of The Black Secretaries in her department, some of whom have 10-20 years experience in the KCMSD?
- Why has Marks spent over \$500,000 on lobbying, governmental affairs, community relations, and public information? (This doesn't even include money wasted on advertising and recruitment).

**IT SEEMS THAT MARKS IS DOING TO US WHAT HE DID TO THE POOR
PEOPLE OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA.**

CHANGES MUST BE MADE!

"EDUCATION IS OUR PASSPORT TO THE FUTURE, FOR TOMORROW BELONGS TO THE PEOPLE WHO PREPARE FOR IT TODAY."

MALCOLM X

LET'S RECLAIM OUR SCHOOLS!

COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

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BLACK UNITED FRONT

CITY COUNCILWOMAN CAROL COE

THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY IS INVITED TO ATTEND!!!

DATE: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1992

TIME: 11:00 A.M.

PLACE: CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL, 3221 INDIANA

TOPICS AND ISSUES

- A Grass-Roots Plan for "Community Based" schools rather than more magnet schools. **NO MORE MAGNETS!**
- Equal Access to ALL schools for African-American students
- African and African-American History and Culture must be taught in the schools.
- Why do over 50% of the students drop-out between grades 8-12?
- Why are our children falling farther and farther behind their private and suburban school peers?
- Should the white man who is willing to sacrifice a generation of African-American students be allowed to continue with the KCMUSD and earn \$77,000 per year?
- The MIS-EDUCATION of African-Americans by an insensitive and culturally arrogant school district must cease NOW!

OUR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION must be the primary goal of the KCMUSD - not the enrichment of the white community.

COME OUT OCTOBER 17TH AND SPEAK OUT FOR CHANGE