

COALITION FOR EDUCATIONAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE

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NEWS FLASH! NEWS FLASH! NEWS FLASH!

"Just as a tree without roots is dead, a people without history or cultural roots also becomes a dead people."

Malcolm X

Walter Marks and his henchmen, the lazy and prejudiced Brenda Thompson-Kistner and the despicable and incompetent Art Rainwater do not support our children learning about our history and our culture!

THE FACTS ARE CLEAR:

1. MARKS REFUSES TO HIRE AN INSTRUCTIONAL SPECIALIST IN THE AREAS OF AFRICAN HISTORY, CULTURE, AND LANGUAGES. But he has paid well in excess of \$100,000 to his cowboy singing friend and over 60,000 to create a "do-nothing" research job for a "special" white woman. The enrichment of his white friends is more important than teaching our children about their heritage. Nearly nothing has been spent on curriculum equity for African-American youngsters. There is no budget for educational equity.
2. MARKS AND RAINWATER IGNORE COMMITMENT TO A 60/40 RATIO OF AFRICAN-AMERICANS IN THE INSTRUCTIONAL SPECIALISTS DIVISION. ONLY TWO OF EIGHT SPECIALISTS ARE BLACK, Martha Thompson who coordinates multi-cultural education and Earl Jones who heads the math department).
3. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MATH, WHAT OUR CHILDREN ARE TAUGHT AND THE MATERIALS THEY USE TO LEARN ARE UNDER THE CONTROL OF WHITES, MOST OF WHOM ARE UNCOMMITTED, UNENLIGHTENED AND INSENSITIVE (Those who may be committed are hindered by the PREJUDICED BRENDA THOMPSON-KISTNER).
4. UNDER MARKS AND RAINWATER BLACK MEN AND WOMEN WHO DARE TO STAND-UP and SPEAK OUT IN SUPPORT OF EDUCATIONAL EQUITY ARE HARASSED, THREATENED, INTIMIDATED, AND DEMOTED.
5. MARKS AND RAINWATER DON'T SHOW ANY INTEREST IN OR COMMITMENT TO EDUCATIONAL EQUITY FOR OUR CHILDREN. THEY DON'T RESPECT STRONG AFRICAN-AMERICAN EDUCATORS. THEY DENIGRATE AND ATTEMPT TO EMASCULATE BLACK MEN.

WHY? WHY? WHY? WHY?

"It's a crime the lie that has been told to generations of Black men and white men both. Little innocent Black children seeing, before they could talk, that their parents considered themselves inferior. Innocent Black children growing up . . . and all of their lives ashamed of being Black."

Malcolm X

ATTEND THE COMMUNITY EDUCATION FORUM

Saturday, October 17, 1992

11:00 A.M.

CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

Linwood and Indiana

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Come out and participate in this important community dialogue with parents, elected officials, and community leaders.

Topics will include the following:

1. Community Based Schools rather than Magnet Schools
2. THE INCOMPETENT AND DESPICABLE ART RAINWATER
3. Walter Marks' Discriminatory Practices and Wasteful spending of money to enrich his cronies and special W/F friends
4. The Lack of African and African-American History & Culture in the curriculum
5. Unfair Quotas
6. The Plight of Black Administrators
7. White Female control of Central High School
8. ARTHUR BENSON'S FAILURE TO REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF OUR CHILDREN

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WHY DID MARKS AND RAINWATER DO NOTHING TO THE WHITE PRINCIPAL WHO LEFT A 6 YEAR OLD BLACK CHILD ASLEEP AND UNATTENDED IN THE SCHOOL, BUT FIRED (Dr. Wharry), DEMOTED (Curtis Jones, Jim Buford and countless others), and DISRESPECTED (Phyllis Washington) For Nothing? Had a Black Principal been responsible for leaving a white child at school without proper supervision he or she would have been fired on The SPOT!

CHANGES MUST BE MADE!