

1951 Citizens School Committee brochure claiming the organization started in 1928


Here's link to Indianapolis Star story showing the organization actually started October 25, 1921. <http://vorcreatex.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/1921-Citizens-School-Committee-forms-Oct-25.pdf>.

Viewing the October story, it is obvious the 1951 Citizens School Committee (CSC) did not want the public to know it was the CSC's school board which segregated the entire IPS school district in 1922. By denying the CSC was in power before 1928, the group can perpetuate the Indy urban legend that the Klan (not CSC) was responsible for Attucks and a segregated IPS.

Perhaps this can be explained by Butler University's Dr. Emma Lou Thornbrough on p. 60 in *Indiana Blacks In the 20th Century*, p. 60: "Not until many years later, after the state law that abolished school segregation was adopted in 1949 and "establishment" whites wanted to remove the stigma of racism represented by segregated schools, it's a tradition developed that the Klan was responsible for Crispus Attucks high school."

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Nov. 6, 1951
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