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NON-PARTISANS FOR BETTER SCHOOLS



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ARE DISCUSSING THE ISSUES

There are important issues. They have been obscured in this campaign by manufactured "no issue" issues such as politics. Educational leadership is the main issue. It might appear that the candidates on both sides share some goals. There is a big difference in the approaches to solutions.

LIBRARIES: When candidates talk about libraries, the Citizens defend "plans being discussed." Non-Partisans remind us that 12 years ago State criteria for first-class schools required libraries in all schools. Nineteen schools are in danger of losing accreditation in areas where children most lack books in their homes.

LIGHTED SCHOOLS: When candidates talk about lighted school house programs, the Citizens on far see only the recreation aspects of it, and thinks it's alright if the city and the Park Department want to pursue it. Non-Partisans, on the other hand would play a leadership role in utilizing buildings that belong to all of us to become true community centers where people can help to develop educational programs for their own needs.

SPECIAL EDUCATION: Citizens candidates talk proudly about the numbers of special education classes. Non-Partisans point out we're doing only 1% of the job and parents with handicapped children know this only too well.

FOOD SERVICE: The Citizens Board member running for reelection thinks it's satisfactory that the schools we've built in the last 10 years have lunchrooms. Non-Partisans must point out that 43 grade schools lack facilities and that these are in neighborhoods where the hot lunches are most needed.

POLICY AND GOALS: What we're saying is that Citizens candidates are defending the present Board on which 6 of their party are now serving. If you attend present Board meetings you hear a lot of talk about buildings but very little about the quality of education. As we see it the Board should be setting policy and goals for Administration and then evaluating progress. Non-Partisans have been board-watching for years and we have never seen enough leadership in areas of planning, whether it's for top facilities or top quality education, whether it's for school integration or school financing. What has really been missing is an honest look at all our problems and then the wish to solve them. Non-Partisans have the desire and know the urgency.

COMMUNITY PROBLEMS: Citizens Boards, probably from 40 years of in-breeding, have seemed to turn inward instead of outward to the community to understand its problems and to seek community help in solving school problems. We can only expect from this year's group of Citizens' candidates still more talk, but action only when pushed.

PROGRESS TODAY FOR TOMORROW: With Non-Partisans in existence the past two elections, and with one Non-Partisan on the present Board, John Ruckelshaus, considerable community push has developed. What has been accomplished to date, step by step, has been like pulling a mule! Must we continue to have a school board that must be goaded into progress? (The current attention of the United States Justice Department is the latest example that this is the kind of Board we have.)

A PROMISE FOR THE FUTURE: A Non-Partisan Board will provide an immediate change of attitude. A Non-Partisan Board will explore all possible solutions to our problems—and then act. A Non-Partisan Board will provide school leadership that wants to lead rather than be dragged forward.

A Non-Partisan Board wants Indianapolis education to be so superior than everyone in the city feels the importance of learning. Such a school system would indeed influence city revitalization.

IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE. IT'S TIME FOR ACTION. It's time in Indianapolis for a NON-PARTISAN SCHOOL BOARD.

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Pre-election ad for Non-Partisans for Better Schools running their slate for 1968 IPS board election

The ad shows the stance of the Non-Partisan on IPS issues. Although Mr. DeFrantz was the only Non-Partisan to win an IPS board seat, his victory marked the end of decades of control of IPS by the Citizens School Committee and its leader Judge John Niblack.

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