

Subject

Keep Lake Forest schools special

Message

I very much applaud your efforts. While our school system obviously does a lot right, it also fails in many ways and I see no real oversight by the Administration over the teachers and the Board over the Administration. They are all in it together. What is "it"? In my opinion, the "it" is their mission to grow and enrich administrative and teaching staffs and to cater to the union, while also striving to provide our children with an excellent education. The two goals don't necessarily have to be mutually exclusive, and in some respects they have produced some great results. They do, however, often conflict with the interests of the taxpayers (who are paying FAR too much for what our children are getting in return) and of the children (who must endure the great, the good and the bad in teaching). I'm 100% for a paid, full time "inspector general" who has the time to oversee what is going on in our school system, at every level -- the great, the good, and the bad. I'd like to see a freeze in administrative staffing and salaries until the total budget is brought down to a reasonable level, devoting some of the saved money to rewarding the excellent teachers who are worth so much more than even the lofty salaries they are already being paid. Aside for fiscal monitoring, an inspector general should be charged with monitoring whether our administration is fostering their own political agendas or acting solely in the interests of the children. I was shocked to learn of the recent hiring decision of the LFHS principal (who seems like a nice woman, but not yet ready or qualified for the position) that our superintendent and his cohorts are, indeed, putting political correctness and their liberal agendas over the interests of our children and our town. We should not be blindsided like this again. Not ever. I applaud your efforts.