

Letters to the editor: Sept. 29, 2009

In the sunshine

Editor, Daily News:

Congratulations to the members of the Collier County School Board's new Independent Community Referendum Oversight Committee for voting to televise their meetings.

We had urged committee members to televise their meetings in a letter to the editor published May 31 under the headline "Let the sun shine in," and we are pleased they decided to do so. We believe this transparency will promote greater community awareness, understanding and ultimately participation in the issues affecting our schools.

This decision, along with the School Board's and the Operations Subcommittee's earlier decisions to televise their meetings, makes the Education Subcommittee's refusal to televise all the more troubling. The Education Subcommittee deals with curriculum and instruction issues, surely matters of great interest to the community.

We congratulate those School Board and volunteer advisory committee members who are doing all they can to "let the sun shine in."

We urge members of the Education Subcommittee to revisit their decision.

We encourage community members who share our view to let their voices be heard on this issue as well.

— Sandy Parker

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