

Letters to the editor: Oct. 4, 2009

'A threat to their work?'

Editor, Daily News:

Thanks, Sandy Parker, for your excellent letter from the League of Women Voters on Tuesday.

While it is refreshing to see that the Collier County School Board has taken positive steps toward transparency by deciding to televise some subcommittee meetings, there is more that should be done to communicate with the public.

The School Board's positive responses make one wonder why the Education Subcommittee balks at the same level of openness and transparency. Is their work too important to have out in the open? Is there something they do not want the public to know?

Do they consider the public as a threat to their work? Don't they realize that televised transparency can only help get their message get out to the parents and taxpayers who have critical interest in their work?

Perhaps the School Board should resolve to have the Education Subcommittee's meetings televised. Since the Education Subcommittee deals with curriculum and instruction issues, it would be logical that their meetings have as much transparency as others, or even more.

This committee deals with the bread and butter of education; keeping it in the dark may turn the bread a bit moldy and the butter a bit rancid.

Is there something to hide? What about it, Collier County School Board?

— John Snyder

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