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**Editorial: School District Blame Game**

Dan Veaner



In trying times everybody likes to play the blame game. And times couldn't get much more trying for Lansing's Board Of Education. The buildings are crumbling, taxes are high and getting higher, reserve funds are depleted, and the district hasn't been able to keep top administrators for any significant length of time since Andrea price left in 2001. Since then the district has had Interim Superintendents four times (Tiffany Phillips three times, and Tom Helmer last year) and four Superintendents (Robert J. Service, Corliss Kaiser, Mark Lewis, and now Steve Grimm).



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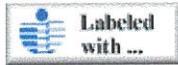
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as democracy gets. This should never be criticized, nor confused with registration and election procedures, logistics that should be easy for Lansing to resolve. Suggesting the first vote was the "real" vote ignores the ability of any group to speak up and change minds. Suggesting the outcome of a second vote can only change with fraud or trickery is cynical and untrue.

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In the past two and a half years alone the district has had one so-called permanent business administrator and four interims, including Gary Alger, Larry Driscoll, Larry Lawrence, and Klemm. That chaos at the top along with a philosophically divided school board during much of that time has had disastrous results for the district and its taxpayers. And after much time spent defining a job description and hiring a Director of Curriculum, Deb Pichette left that post after one year. Even though it has been redefined yet again, the post will not be filled, at least this year.

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Jan 25 2008 **Letters: Library Was Not Condemned**

Louise Bement



I was a member of the Town Hall Advisory Committee several years ago, when plans to either renovate the present town hall, or build a new one were being considered. This committee met once a month for a year. A lot of careful thought and work was put into the process. We gave careful consideration into renovating the present town hall, as its only major problem was that it was not handicap accessible.

It was never condemned nor deemed "not fit for humans". It was a good building, but getting too small for the present needs of the town. Therefore it was decided that it would be more sensible to build a new larger town hall, rather than spend money making the small building handicap accessible. I hope this letter sets the facts straight for the residents of Lansing, who might not otherwise know the true circumstances.

From: Louise Bement  
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Jan 25 2008 **Letters: Why Oppose a Library?**

Daniel Segal



Lansing Library opponents have raised a smokescreen of specious arguments: Cost (in fact, reasonable, if not downright cheap); existing school libraries (for many reasons, security high among them, the public cannot use school libraries); and the most absurd, insinuating voter fraud or other shenanigans, regarding voter registration and the common practice of a second vote after a very narrow first-vote defeat (failed by 32 votes). Any vote decided by such a narrow margin might reverse if voted on again (passed by 65 votes).

Encouraging voters to express their views and influence an election's outcome-by voting-is as basic

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