

GUILTY OF CRIMES AGAINST OUR CHILDREN!



ART RAINWATER

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1. While principal of Central High School, he had a 42% student failure rate. Despite this deplorable record, Dr. Walter Marks placed him in charge of the entire Instruction Division.
2. He has stated that he is willing to sacrifice an entire generation of African-American children to insure the success (attract whites) of the magnet schools.
3. He eliminated the jobs of people who served children with special needs and then used the money to create a research job for one of his "special employees", Pauline Moley (W/F).
4. He allowed another one of his "special employees" (Brenda Thompson-Kistner (W/F) to interfere with the educational equity process and demanded that educators be loyal to him, rather than teach our children about their culture and history.
5. He has attempted to derail the community based movement for African Studies Magnet Schools by publicly stating that those programs are not attractive.
6. He conspired with the white business community to take a 1 million dollar computer contract from an African-American company.
7. He assigned resource teachers in the areas of Art, Music, and P.E., but eliminated the resource positions in Reading, Math, and Science. He does not want our children to become academically competitive.
8. He supported a hefty pay raise for Tom Evans (THE UNENLIGHTENED) white male who fired Dr. Don Wharry but refused to support comparable raises for Dr. Felicia Blacher (B/F) and Dr. Ida Love (B/F), both of whom earn less than their white counterparts despite having better credentials.
9. He demoted African-American Administrators and then appointed two white female vice-principals at Central High School despite that schools history of conflict between Black male students and white female teachers and administrators.
10. He has a history of disrespecting, demeaning and cursing Black female educators.

"It is far better to be free to govern, or mis-govern, yourself than to be governed by anybody else." KWAME NKRUMAH

**We can no longer accept the MIS-EDUCATION OF OUR YOUTH
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SIEGE MENTALITY BESETS SCHOOL DISTRICT LEADERSHIP

Superintendent and Staff Looking For Ways To Restrict Community Access to Facilities

THEY DON'T WANT PARENTS TO ATTEND TASK FORCE MEETINGS

In a strange response to the Community's quest for educational equity for our children and fairness for African-American educators, Dr. Walter Marks and his staff are conducting a witch-hunt. Some employees (mostly Blacks) are being coerced, intimidated, threatened with termination for communicating with parents and community members. At Dr. Marks' direction, his conniving special assistant, Pendery Clark and PREJUDICED ART RAINWATER are even developing a plan to restrict access to facilities and parental involvement in meetings to develop programs for our children.

These people have their priorities skewed! Rather than designing programs conducive to the positive educational, psychological and social development of our children, they seek to punish African-American educators. Rather than working with parents and community based organizations to stem the tide of soaring retention, suspension, expulsion, and drop-out rates, they seek to protect Rainwater and insulate the district from scrutiny and criticism. In another display of the cultural arrogance of the people who control the education of our children they are trying to limit parental involvement to privileged whites and sycophantic Blacks.

A superintendent who surrounds himself with insensitive and incompetent individuals (Clark and Rainwater), who brow-beats, threatens, and demotes his African-American staff, who seeks to shut out the community, and who tries to deny Black parents a meaningful role in the educational process should not be allowed to lead a school district such as ours. **CHANGES MUST BE MADE!**

In the words of Civil Rights leader, Fannie Lou Hamer, "We're sick and tired of being sick and tired."

JOIN THE COALITION FOR EDUCATIONAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE IN PURSUIT OF EQUITY, JUSTICE, AND RESPECT FOR OUR YOUTH AND OUR COMMUNITY.

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