

## After 4 Fouls And A Technical... It's Time To Leave The Game!

We love our children and want them to have a good education at LCWM Schools. A sound education plays an important part in seeing children prosper in the future. But we are tired of seeing sympathy toward our children used to pad the pockets of a few. Here are some of the "fouls" where love and affection for our children is being used against us.

**Foul # 1** The school board of Lake Crystal Wellcome Memorial school district thinks the taxpayers of the district should obligate themselves to pay nearly \$40,000,000 of new taxes over the next thirty years to pay for a proposed new secondary school. We think our children should be taught a better lesson in money management.

**Foul # 2** One board member spent far too much time criticizing personalities and pronouncing dire warnings instead of trying to convince us of the merit of their proposal.

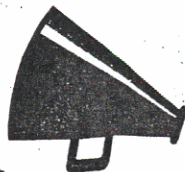
**Foul # 3** In their November of 2000 proposal the board of LCWM wanted to remodel and construct new school buildings totaling 93,300 square feet according to their *Just the Facts* flyer at that time. Now after we've lost 273 students, 26% of our enrollment since 1999-2000 they are proposing to build 100,886 square feet of new school buildings. This is just not common sense.

**Foul # 4** The board thinks if the new school would be built, Lake Crystal would attract Mankato commuters and we could become a bedroom community just like Byron, MN is to Rochester. But even the Byron school only adds one new student for every 5 1/2 new homes built the last four years. At that rate Lake Crystal would have to build more than double the current number of homes in the city, just to offset the number of students who have tuitioned-out in the last four years. Wouldn't it be easier to address the concerns of those parents whose children were tuitioned-out?

**Technical Foul** The first new tax figures the school provided were artificially lowered (ie. \$254 new taxes each year on a \$125,000 home instead of \$313) by an unstated assumption that the health and safety levies would be reduced after we accepted this proposal. Only after we pressed them did they publish the correct ones in the paper. Regarding the reduced health and safety levies offsetting your new tax bill, we ask one question - when was the last time you saw any public school spend less of a budgeted line item given them? Certainly there will be other health and safety issues with the grade school and with a much larger new high school? The board, not the voters, will have the final say each year if the health and safety levy will need to be reduced. Initially, this was an unfair representation of the new tax cost.

Our school board is not facing the real problems that are causing so many families to tuition out. They are expanding their plans while enrollment contracts. They didn't initially level with us about the new tax increase and one board member spent way too much time attacking personalities. The entire time they say "This will benefit the students" This isn't for the kids, not really. The school board has 'fouled out' on this proposal too!

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## A Lake Crystal Wellcome Memorial 4th grade math

### Story Problem:

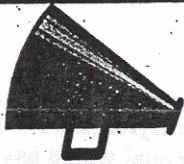
Farmer Brown owns 500 acres in the LCWM school district valued at \$2,500 p/acre.. He rents another 500 acres. His landlord plans to pass on the extra \$6.27 per acre school tax levy to Farmer Brown with extra rent. How much extra money will Farmer Brown pay out of his pocket over the next 30 years?

### Answer:

$$1000 \text{ acres} \times \$6.27 \times 30 \text{ years} = \mathbf{\$188,100}$$

Poor Farmer Brown.

Let's help Farmer Brown, our community and at the same time...



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