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The Bullies in Your Community and The Media

During my term in office, the fake news representing wokeism and the teachers' unions never missed a chance to disparage actions by any elected representative when they questioned our failing education system.

Our local so-called newspaper wrote anything they thought might sell their version of the news. I often believed that they published articles written by the adults-first bullies in an attempt to get us to resign or simply stop questioning our district. For two years, I was their only victim. Then, once the board turned and the majority were questioning the education status quo, the paper turned against us all. Many times, the so-called "press" showed up to the meetings to get the scoop only to find out they were lied to. The teacher's union had the bullies make up stories, feed them to community members and the media who showed up at meetings with only rumors, fiction and incomplete information. It was as if they were using Saul Alinsky's "Rules for Radicals."

Do not let the bullies keep you from communicating with your community. Your website should be mentioned at every meeting so people can know you are working for them. You will have opposition to putting the children first but do not let those Mrs. Carlisle types stop you from your mission to improve education in your district. There will be a few in every community that pretend to represent the community and will sometimes bring others they have misinformed to board meetings. Just keep communicating on your website, describe your concerns, tell the truth and you will accomplish the community goals of being student focused and community minded.

The so-called news channels and news papers will not likely support your efforts to question, surveil and communicate with your community but do not let these bullies take you off track. Stay student-focused and community-minded. Bullies are in every community - ignore them and do your job.

When the media and bullies get it wrong, correct them. You can respond on your website to these types of articles. Most of the time the majority of the community will know who is trustworthy. After this and many more articles that disparaged me were written our community voted for two more people I recommended. The media and the Mrs. Carlisle types in our community were not trusted or respected after these types of articles. I was. They can try to make you look bad but too many know that if the news targets you for "bad press," you are doing something right.

Example of negative media article:

<https://www.daytondailynews.com/news/local/board-member-web-site-has-critics/2GtZKD56l6zBC7HqEaK9NP/>