

MEMO

To: Armerita Tell
From: Kelly Riley
Date: February 22, 2000
Subject: Fred Stanley: Appoint Superintendents

Mr. Stanley phoned the office yesterday (601/735-4867 – work) to voice his support for having appointed school superintendents. He said that superintendents should also have to have college degrees and that the Legislature and the Governor should also require school board members to be elected using a primary system. He said that now, without primaries, it is “winner takes all” and that you might have unlimited candidates with the winner only receiving 30-35% of the vote.

Mr. Stanley has served on the Wayne County school board for five years. He said that with elected superintendents, the year of the election is lost because the superintendent is too busy campaigning to run the schools. He also gave the example of three members of his five-member board supporting another candidate for superintendent and doing everything they could to make the incumbent, whom they opposed, to look bad. He said that the board was basically dormant for a year because these three members refused to take any action on matters for fear that the incumbent could favorably use actions in his campaign.

Mr. Stanley is also trying to get in touch with Senator Harden to voice his support of her bill to her.

This case is closed.