

ASIAN STUDENTS NEEDED: BOYCOTT

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EVENTS: Students and parents began boycotting schools in District 1 on the lower east side. Why?

-In the last school board election, six United Federation of Teachers-supported members (who have no children attending local schools) were ~~illegal-~~ elected to fill 6 out of the 9 seats on the community school board. Acting against the interest of the community, the Board members voted for the suspension of Luis Fuentes--the community elected superintendent who since his appointment by the parents last August 1972, has supported bilingual, remedial and multi-ethnic programs towards ethnic understanding--on October 16, 1973. In protest, parents and students began the boycott on Oct. 17, and by Oct. 19 under community pressure, the court reinstated Fuentes TEMPORARILY.

DEMANDS: The boycott of the schools will continue until:

1. we achieve real community control by:

1. the reinstatement of Fuentes permanently as the community recognized and elected superintendent of school district #1.

2. that the illegal school board be removed

3. that new elections for a new school board is set up

4. that decisions made by parents under the Decentralization laws are enforced and recognized.

5. that all existing programs continue.

6. that all types of discrimination be removed from our schools.

WHY STUDENTS MUST ORGANIZE: students in the universities, who have more flexible schedules than working parents, are urgently urged to come down to the community and help work on this immediate issue in district one. presently, schools in the chinatown area are located in school district 2, however, with the influx of immigrants from china, hong kong, taiwan the boundaries of chinatown proper are expanding northward towards the 14th street area into district one. to meet the needs of the chinese students (6% of the total student population of a predominantly puerto rican, black and increasing asian community) presently enrolled and the future students, we must begin organizing/informing/educating/helping the chinese students and parents in the area, and working jointly with other minority groups, who are working towards the same programs and goals.

IMMEDIATE TASKS: if you have an hour or two, please come down, or let other people and friends know about the issues--especially those students who are into education, sociology or whatever...

---ongoing tasks: most important is to keep the parents and community

-informed on the daily events and meetings/decisions of how the boycott is going. daily fact sheets in the form of flyers, news releases to the chinese community papers, ... bilingual skills

-people to man the central information phones at 32 east Broadway. telephone no. 925-3543.

-to coordinate central administration--typing, keeping track of what is happening, contact other community organizations, etc.

-contact with teachers and other educators

-leafleting to parents and schools

-people to go with parents to meetings in the central office in the school district one

-people to be at the schools talking and explaining the issues of the boycott to parents, students, at the elementary schools and the students in the junior high schools.

-stuffing mailboxes, making posters to publicize in the chinatown community and district one area.

ALTERNATE SCHOOL SITE: for the duration of the boycott, alternate schools will be set up in community organizations on the lower east side. In Chinatown, the site will be BASEMENT WORKSHOP, located at 22 Catherine street 3rd floor. tele. no. 964-6832, where parents will bring the children from 9-3. HELP! people needed to run this school. committees have to be set up for: 1. volunteers (free hours?) 2. curriculum ideas and resources 3. food (lunch and breakfast for the kids) 4. supplies and materials 5. additional facilities and sites where we can set up more alternate schools, 6. contact teachers who are also boycotting

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The schedule of events:

oct.22,1973-mon. Coordination to set up the committees for the alternative school, leafleting desperately needed at this point to phone and call up friends who could volunteer maybe two or more hours a day from 9 a.m.-3p.m. please contact: susan yung or fay chiang at the central #925-3543.

october 23 tues- 7:30A.M. leaflet rap inform parents people needed to be outside the schools that are being boycotted at 7:30 in the morning-to explain to the parents the issues of the boycott and how it is affecting their children's education... many of the chinese parents have not understood the issues and continue to bring their children to the schools...not understanding the need to boycott with the blacks and puerto ricans for programs and demands for all minority peoples. for example, the bilingual program was initiated in distreic one as a spanish/english program...but expanded to meet the needs of the chinese students--becoming a trilingual program...for future programs that will benefit all third world people, we must begin explaining issues and working with the chinese parents

NEEDED: at 7:30 A.M. people outside the schools rapping to parents and students--bilingual volunteers will be sent to the elementary schools, while english speaking volunteers will go rap to the junior high school sltudents. call william chin at central. Parents , students and community organizations, etc. will meet at the Central district office at Junior High School 71 located at east 6th street and avenue B. to rally and march ~~to~~ 40 Center Street to the court hearing on the irregularities of the election of the school board--parents and community people will testify...

1 P.M. MARCH/RALLY

2 P.M. Hearing HEARING ON ELECTION IRREGULARITIES OF SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT ONE 40 Center Street while parents are involved in the march, rally and court hearings, daycare facilities for the children will be set up at Alternate School Site at Basement Workshop 22 caltherine street 3rd fl. telephone no. 964-6832. from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

October 24 wed. ALTERNATE SCHOOL BASEMENT WORKSHOP begins operations at 9 a.m.

come. you are needed. spread the work... the word...

for further information: Central info ..call:925-3543 or Basement Workshop: 964-6832

ask for: william chin, agnes poon, susan yung, fay chiang and friends.....come!.