

INDEPENDENT
VILLAGE DEMOCRATS



April 21, 1983

Dear VID Member:

On Tuesday, May 3, school board elections will be held throughout the city (vote at your regular polling place, 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.). Greenwich Village is part of Community School Board District 2. As community members we must participate in the electoral process and vote for the progressive candidates. This letter is intended to give you some background on the school board and its complex voting process, and provide you with a list of VID's endorsed candidates.

The Community School Board allocates the funds given to the community by the Central Board of Education, acquires funding for special programs (such as programs for gifted children, handicapped children, and the arts) and makes decisions that impact on children in the public schools. The School Board also selects a new Superintendent of Schools, a weighty responsibility that can make or break a district -- witness the dynamic changes in the quality of the East Harlem schools because of Anthony Alvarado. The school board is made up of 9 members elected every 4 years. It is critical that the people elected be qualified, concerned, and progressive enough to meet the challenges that exist in the Village community.

Voting in school board elections is done in preferential order. You must number your choices on the ballot from 1 to 9, 1 being your first choice and 9 being your last choice. Preferential voting seeks to achieve proportional representation in the district; to elect minorities and other political groups that would not normally be represented. Because of preferential voting, the order of your votes is critical to the election of a progressive school board. To ensure the election of our candidates we ask you to vote in the order endorsed by the club.

Voter turnout in school board elections is very low -- in 1979 only 5% of all eligible voters came out to vote. Because of this, your vote can make a real difference in who is ultimately elected; if all VIDers turn out to vote, we can make the difference in the make-up of the school board and put truly concerned and progressive persons on the board.

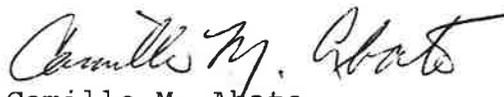
If you have any time you can contribute on May 3 for palm carding or giving out literature, please contact me at VID. We need all the help we can get. If you can't help out, please vote. You don't have to be a parent to care. The fate of school children is intertwined with the fates of all of us -- they are our future.

Therefore, PLEASE VOTE ON MAY 3 FOR THESE VID-ENDORSED CANDIDATES, IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

1. LINDY LINDER
2. ANDREW HUMM
3. STANLEY BLOCH
4. RONALD SCHNEIDER
5. PO-LING NG
6. STUART DAVIS

Thank you and see you hopefully at the club and definitely at the polls!

Sincerely,



Camille M. Abate
Campaign Chair