

To the People of Winnetka:

All the facts and all the arguments for and against each of the two sites for the proposed new school building have now been presented. There is nothing more that can be said on either side.

The discussion has been heated and protracted. It has brought forth many statements and many contradictions. Charges and denials have been bandied back and forth until the average voter, who has not had time to investigate and corroborate, may be confused and in doubt as to what to accept as the truth and what to discard as false.

You all know the conditions which brought the Winnetka School Association into being; you know the people composing its membership. We are sure you will believe that in the campaign we have carried on in behalf of the Horace Mann site not a man among us has been actuated by an ulterior purpose, or has had any aim other than to do that which he believed best for the village as a whole.

To those of you who disagree with us we want to say that our interests are your interests. We have the same wish to do the best we can for our children and the same desire as taxpayers to protect the village treasury from any unwise expense.

You are about to vote upon the question over which we have debated for so long, and the best interest of our schools and the village itself demands that the question be decided in a calm, dispassionate way without prejudice engendered by overheated discussion. It is in the hope of helping to secure a decision of this vexed question on the merits of the case alone that we make this statement of our attitude.

WINNETKA SCHOOL ASSOCIATION