

## CONCERNED PARENTS AND TEACHERS:

Dear Sirs:

As concerned parents of students in the trainable program at the Almy Street School we are writing this letter to voice our opposition to the closing of the Almy Street School as of September, 1974 thru 1975.

1.) The students feel when they leave Kenyon Street School (age 16) and move on to Almy, that they have graduated. In a sense they have. They are sixteen to twenty-one years of age and they know this, to house them with grade school children is a step backwards emotionally.

2.) At Almy they are in a clean bright building which is set up to teach cooking, selfcare, how to use a clothes washer and dryer, work in a workshop in preparation for a future job, how to handle money and use a bank. They also have a pre-reading and math course.

3.) The only reason we could understand for the closing of Almy is if the city fathers saw fit to enlarge the vocational training program (then we would need a larger building) for the trainable students so that they could learn a variety of job skills other than factory oriented. What about gardening, green-house, custodial work in local hospitals, etc:

4.) Money has been spent on fixing Almy if money is spent to fix Kenyon Street School to suit Almy's needs. It's like putting money down the drain.

5.) The teachers and students are very happy with the school at Almy. The teachers have certainly spent a lot of time teaching these children, who ten years ago were thought to be unteachable.

Please reconsider the closing of the school. Come visit the Almy School and see what these students are doing. They take great pride in their work.

*Mrs. Louise Lopez  
Mrs. R. Lounge  
Rose Cracchio*

*Dr. & Mrs. Henry J. Krawczyk,  
Mr. Mrs. Philip Jeremico  
Mr. Mrs. Richard Maher  
Mr. & Mrs. Albert G. De Trocola  
Mr. & Mrs. John W. Mowry  
Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Fajzoli  
Mrs. Mrs. Herbert Carson  
(over)*

Sincerely,

CONCERNED PARENTS AND TEACHERS:

*Joseph T. Martin  
Flavio J. Mellor  
Lela J. Mc Intyre  
S. A. Saliberte  
Barbara Joseph  
Allen I. Ditchman  
A. F. Olds  
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Miss Mrs Daniel J. McCullough

Mr & Mrs Jeremiah Noonan

Mr & Mrs Robert Melillo

Mr & Mrs Percy Michael

Mr & Mrs Luke P. Mulleady

IN CITY COUNCIL

MAR 21 1974

READ AND GRANTED,\*

*Vincent Vespa*  
CLERK

- \* The Clerk is directed to cause a copy hereof to be hand delivered to the Providence School Committee.

*Councilman Strong  
and Councilman De Vito, by request*

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ALMY STREET SCHOOL  
March 11, 1974

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Mr. Robert Haxton, Councilman  
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Providence, R.I.  
March 11, 1974

Dear Congressman Tiernan:

The parents and staff of Almy Street School wish to thank you and Mr. Clements for having Mr. Clements present at our special meeting on February 20, 1974 at 8 P M at Pleasant View School that was requested by Mr. William De Nicola.

The parents and staff stated their points of view about the "Young Adult School Program" now going on at Almy. This was the best meeting we parents have ever had to tell about our children in the presence of any honored man.

We are pleading to keep our Almy Street School open. A great deal of money has been spent to improve Almy and it is an ideal place for our children that range from 16 to 21 years of age. To send them back to Kenyon with younger children would be a disaster.

We would appreciate all the help you can give to help us to keep Almy Street School open.

Thank you for all your cooperation.

Sincerely:

*Mr & Mrs Philip Seeman  
Mr + Mrs William De Nicola*



Rhode Island

Department of City Clerk

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 25, 1974  
TO: Chairman MASSON, Providence School Committee  
SUBJECT: Almy Street School - Concerned Parents and Teachers  
CONSIDERED BY: City Council  
DISPOSITION: Attached is a true copy of subject petition, which was in City Council, March 21, 1974.

The City Council voted that the same be Granted and that a copy be hand delivered to the Providence School Committee.

Received of Vincent Vespia, City Clerk a true copy of the subject petition.

*Charles K. Wood*

*Vincent Vespia*  
City Clerk