

The Public School!

WE BELIEVE that the American fathers and mothers should have the right to decide for themselves where their children are to be educated, whether in the public school, the private school, or the parochial school, and that our accepted principles of democracy are being tampered with when we proceed by law to eliminate the latter in favor of the former. For this belief we have no apologies to offer.

With equal firmness do we believe that no one should be allowed, directly or indirectly, to tamper with the progress, betterment and safety of the American Public School, the one fundamental American institution in which the large majority of the American people have a common concern. The public schools should always have the first consideration of the many needed improvements called for from time to time, in a growing American community. The standard of tomorrow's American citizenship depends on the training the American children receive today. Upon their standard of mental and physical fibre and fitness rests America's future.

No better thing can be said in favor of an American community than that its biggest item of expense is its public schools, that the community has even gone heavily in debt to erect fireproof, modern and sanitary school buildings, with an eye to the future and its needs.

A school election will be held in Portland on the 16th of June. Besides the election of two directors whose terms are expiring, the real issue of this election is the voters' approval or rejection of another bond issue of \$7,500,000, called for by the majority of the school board, to provide for erection of modern fireproof, school houses to remedy the present makeshift arrangement and to take the places of the small portable school buildings, now housing the overflow of children that can no longer find accommodations in the public schools, built corresponding to Portland's size and needs, several years ago.

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