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Mr. Rick Day
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Washington, D.C. 20553-0001

Re: Carpenter School Denied Sound Proofing

Good Morning,

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to bring to your attention a gross misdeed of justice in the most recent decision to deny the many children of Carpenter School their education.

As you can see from the attached clipping, the ONCC, City of Chicago and Mayor Daley are playing games – again.

We, those of us that support our community would ask that you please take a closer look and hopefully, come up with a revised action plan for this school.

Let's not turn the right to learn – to the wall when it comes to the children of this city – again.

Thank you!

Attachment

No Soundproofing

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imaginary DNL line is alarming. I hope that parents and other concerned citizens should see the FAA as attempting to control the quality of life and education in Park Ridge. They are using a highly subjective and scientifically flawed metric that they can apparently manipulate whenever they choose to do so." The DNL, he said, uses a 24-hour averaging rather than a more sensible peak noise measurement or daytime-only average.

"The main problem with this method is obvious. During the hours from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m., the number of flights in and out of O'Hare is dramatically lower than during daytime hours.

"In addition, the placement of this line is based on a computer-generated prediction, and not on actual measurement data. These computer models are notoriously inaccurate."

"Parents of children who attend or will be attending Carpenter School should be alarmed by this decision," Bach continued. "Studies have shown that schools near airports that have not been sound-proofed have shown a dramatic reduction in academic performance. The potential for hearing damage to children also should be considered."

Officials at the FAA and ONCC were unavailable for comment as of press time for this report on Tuesday.

A public hearing on this issue will be held Oct. 7 by ONCC's Insulation Subcommittee at High School District 214 offices at 2121 S. Goebbert Road in Arlington Hts.

"Parents and School District 64 officials should go to that hearing and express their concerns and ask questions to the FAA and members of the committee," Bach said.

"This is a bad situation all around, because the 60 DNL system used by the FAA is so flawed as to be ridiculous," Bach said. "They took Carpenter money away and gave it to Ridgewood and Elk Grove high Schools at the Sept. 11 meeting."

He also said he asked the FAA if a shortage of soundproofing funds was the problem and was told no.

Franklin and Field schools in Park Ridge have been soundproofed. Soundproofing of Washington School, located four blocks southeast of Carpenter, is half done. Roosevelt School on District's 64's south side also has been approved for soundproofing.

Hundreds of homes and schools in Park Ridge and other suburbs surrounding O'Hare have been soundproofed in the last decade.