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Make children priority in DPS

No one seems to know what to do about public education in Detroit.

The question is a simple one: "What does it take to successfully educate the children of Detroit?" Then you put a plan in place to make that happen. People who should be part of this plan are probably not any of the people vying for control of the schools, and that is the crux of the problem. I know because I'm part of a team with just such a plan. But then, again, we're only concerned about the education of our children.

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No one has a voice now

A few weeks ago I was at a cabin in mid-Michigan listening to a conservative radio host complain about the fact that in the U.S. the informed and uninformed voter are allowed to vote. Now I see the Detroit City Council has solved the problem of informed votes and uninformed votes by deciding to not hold an election ("Voters denied a say on DPS," July 30). Since we can't be sure of the outcome, let no one vote, they say.

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Council must explain

The City of Detroit will continue to be viewed locally and nationally as an urban banana republic, so long as its elected officials put self-interests ahead of those they were elected to represent.

Ken Cockrel Jr., Brenda Jones, Kwame Kenyatta, Andre Spivey, James Tate and JoAnn Watson each must stand before the public to explain themselves to their constituents and to the rest of us in Michigan as we continue to get stuck with the bill in Lansing for their intransigence.

Further, if the Detroit School Board is so certain of its continued and endearing value to the electorate, why won't they sponsor a ballot initiative on mayoral control of the schools?

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Same old, same old?

How is it the Detroit City Council can decide whether the citizens of Detroit can exercise their right to vote? The people of Detroit voted in a new council, supposedly to make a change and give the people better representation. When 30,000 people submit a petition wanting a vote on a subject in controversy and they are denied by that council, where is the better representation?

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Your daughter insists on wearing her princess costume to the grocery store. Allow it or not?

YES, at least she's dressed!

NO, I have some rules!

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