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## Letters

Board of Education  
Torrance, California  
Gentlemen:

As a mother of two children, one of which is still in a Torrance school, I should like to express my views regarding the recent override tax election and the "education" administered in this city.

It is obvious that a planned program of propaganda is being put before the people of Torrance to convince them that we are getting a superior brand of education in preparation for the next demand for more money to operate a system that has yet to give us our money's worth in honest worthwhile teaching. I say that if we were satisfied with the education our children are getting, we would not have to be told how good the schools are. Neither would we feel that our taxes are too high, for we would feel that we were paying for our children's future and no parent counts the cost for that.

### ELECTION SHOWS

The results of the recent election should show the Board of Education and the powers that be that the people are not satisfied. Mr. Bert Lynn deserves high praise for the role he played in expressing the views of so many of us. Though the B card denied it, it is very true that there were illegalities at that election as he reported. I saw an example of it at our polling place.

However, my main complaint (and that of many others to whom I have talked) is that my child is not getting an education. When a teacher asks a parent how "can spelling be taught to a group," when no science at all has been taught a class after nearly four months of school, when a teacher tells a parent that "it's just too bad when a child goes into high school without being able to add to 10," when a high school teacher says that about all a student has to do to graduate is to be there, when a capable teacher is forced to leave the system because he expects his students to learn and to work, something is very definitely wrong with the "system."

### MANY GOOD TEACHERS

I know that there are many capable teachers in our school. However, I also know that there are some who could not keep up to the standards required in neighboring towns and so came to Torrance. Our salaries are not low. They may not be the highest, but neither are our requirements. However, the teachers are not to blame as a group. It is the fault of the administration for forcing upon them the "individualism program" which requires so much time that nothing is accomplished. After all, when a teacher gives individual oral spelling tests to a class of 36, how much time has she left for other things?

There is much more that could be said. However, I doubt that the Board of Education is interested. This letter is merely an attempt to give myself the feeling that I am doing my part as a citizen by saying what I feel needs to be said to the people who have the power to do something about the situation in which we find ourselves. I earnestly hope I am not wasting my time.

Thank you for your attention.  
Sincerely,  
(Name withheld on request)

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