

General Comments ----- MW Weaver

Some parents are mis-interpreting the attendance cards being sent out from the office. These cards are sent to notify parents that their children were absent for the days indicated but do not say nor mean to imply that the students skipped school. Unfortunately, we have some students who do skip. The cards ask that the school be notified if the parents do not know about the days missed by their children.

The Legislature is in session and the School Budget for the next two years is up for consideration. The Advisory Budget Commission recommendations do not provide enough money to carry

on the school program without severe retrenchments along several lines. The following examples give you an idea of what the schools face.

First, there will be a ten per cent reduction in teacher salaries or at best a salary scale equal to the one now in use. A reduction will drive many able teachers out of the profession and into other jobs.

A second result will be an increase in the teacher load, already the highest in the nation.

Unless there are two mild winters, the appropriation for fuel is not sufficient to heat the buildings. Either the term will have to be shortened or schools will be forced to operate during warm weather.

The proposed money for busses is enough to operate the busses only 129 of the 180 days in a school year. Also the allotment of money for bus drivers is such that 297 busses will not have drivers for the entire year.

If you are interested in your schools doing nothing more than holding their

own, please contact your Senator and Representative and urge them to vote for a liberal increase in the school funds.

Be sure to attend the March meeting of the P. T. A. and see "Your School In Action."

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