

September 8, 1970

Mr. I. E. Clevenger, Chairman  
Yancey County Board of Education  
Burnsville, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Clevenger:

We are extremely disappointed to learn of the School Board's decision on Sunday, August 30, 1970 to terminate Mrs. Judy Elly's contract as Lunchroom supervisor for Yancey County Schools after having employed her only a month ago. Many of us attended the School Board meeting on Friday evening, August 28, 1970 and heard the complaints of the local lunchroom managers who attended the meeting. It is understandable that a period of adjustment would be necessary to conform to a new set-up, however, the complaints which the managers voiced do not seem to be grounds for rescinding the decision to centralize the lunchroom system in Yancey County Schools.

Surely you are aware of the distinct advantages of a centralized lunchroom system such as quantity buying, well-planned, nutritious meals, proper organization, supervision of personnel and co-ordination of the total program, not withstanding a bit of appropriate reporting by local lunchroom managers. In the most recent survey of Yancey County Schools, dated September, 1968, it was pointed out (p. 62) "that the school food service is not centralized and is without trained supervision at the central level." We feel that the students--and parents-- would be fortunate to have their meals at school planned and the system directed by a graduate home economist. Your recent action in decentralizing the lunchroom system, before it really gets started, is a serious step backward and will hamper the progress and improvement of Yancey County Schools. We strongly urge you to reconsider your untimely decision.

Sincerely yours,

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