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From: Pat O'Toole **Date:** 5/21/2007

Re: Letter from Ralph Kline of IBO **Pages:** 3 (including cover sheet)

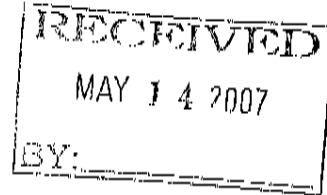
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8 May 2007

Dr Patrick O'Toole, Superintendent
Upper St Clair Schools
1820 McLaughlin Run Road
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Dear Dr O'Toole:

I am aware that five members of the IB study committee have filed a "minority report" and that they have included in that report what is purported to be a transcript of my interview with the committee. I would like to mention several points:

- The committee members assured me that the tape recording was solely for the purposes of the committee as a memory aid and that the transcript would not be made public. I have confirmed the accuracy of my memory with Ellie Stoehr. Your decision to release it to the Board, of course, makes it quite public and available to the press. I consider this a violation of trust, and I am surprised that you would present it in public without even contacting me.
- As a transcript, it is very amateurish and incorrect. Here are a few of the many obvious examples:
 - The transcriber quotes me as calling a Minnesota organization "DeadWatch" when I called it "EdWatch." This will be interpreted by this organization as an insult and will no doubt be trumpeted about by them to my detriment and to the detriment of the IB.
 - I said "They support the same candidates" while the transcript says "They are sort of the same candidates."
 - The transcriber, when he or she could not understand my words, made no remark to that effect and simply elided two sentences in ways that are nonsensical.
- The transcript is rife with these inaccuracies and with grammatical errors that I do not normally make; the verbal sloppiness of the transcriber will now be attributed to me.
- The committee asked me specifically for practical advice regarding their programs. I qualified many of my remarks as just that: the advice of an experienced IB practitioner. These remarks, meant as advice, will now be interpreted as IB policy--which they are not.

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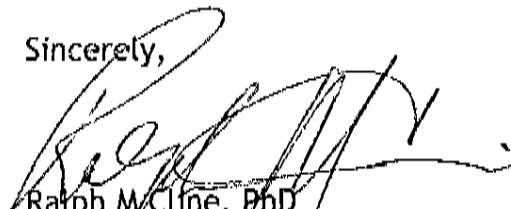
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- The "alternative" view report is, luckily for me, so poorly written that the reason for the inclusion of my remarks is obscure. Most who read it will conclude, however, that the purpose is to use my own words to disparage the IB program.
- I am quite certain that I never uttered the word "charter" in describing IB programs that were schools-within-schools.

If the purpose of this study was to be fair and balanced, some members of the Upper St Clair community have found a way to subvert that purpose. I wish this letter to be seen as my written objection to the use of and to the execution of the transcript of my remarks and as notice that I consider any use other than as a memory aid to the committee to be a fraudulent use.

Sincerely,



Ralph M. Cline, PhD
Deputy Regional Director, IB North America

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