

Memo to: Amy  
From: Jimmy O'Leary  
Re: Possible Statement Regarding South Boston High School

The heart of Joe's statement, I believe should go as follows:

"My reactions to the Judge's order to place South Boston High School under receivership are quite mixed. I am satisfied that South Boston High School will remain open -- at the same time I am very troubled that the Judge has removed Dr. William Reid, Principal of the High School, whom I know has expended every effort to continue education at the High School under Phase 2 and I am equally disturbed that just days before the newly elected School Committee is to assume office, the Federal Court has stripped it of its power over South Boston High School.

I do not think that the Judge's order will restore normalcy to the High School. He is quoted as being surprised at the failure of the School Department to implement Phase 2 at South Boston High School. Well, I think if he spent some time viewing more of the schools in the city, he would realize that his plan is not working. It is unworkable. Sure, in some schools education is going on but overall the figures on absenteeism and transfers are shocking. South Boston High School is just the tip of the iceberg -- it is symptomatic of what's going throughout the system. I think that Judge Garrity must review his entire order and consider alternative steps to achieving integrated education in Boston, working with the new School Committee not separate from them."