

## The importance of reaching the school board before Planned Parenthood does

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What happens when parents get to school officials before Planned Parenthood does? At the very least, the officials are forewarned that Planned Parenthood is coming, what it is bringing to children, and that parents are upset and are watching. In the best case scenario, the school board president promises that he will do everything he can to keep Planned Parenthood out. That's exactly what happened recently in Arizona.

American Life League Associate group AMEN from Yuma, Arizona, has been organizing parents and concerned citizens to fight Planned Parenthood's plans to bring its sex classes into Yuma and Yavapai County's 13 middle schools since the abortion giant closed the doors of its only facility there and announced its intentions to infiltrate the schools with its repugnant sex classes.

Planned Parenthood vowed to accomplish this maleficent deed via a [regional health coordinator](#), which it later admitted would be a community organizer.

It [plans](#) to send its community organizer to talk directly with school district leaders about the supposed high teen pregnancy rate and convince them that a free Planned Parenthood curriculum and free training of educators and school nurses provided by the abortion giant is the ticket to reducing the teen pregnancy rate. Planned Parenthood, however, has been actively involved in the county for 20 years, obviously contributing to the problem.

Parents and concerned citizens made their voices heard at two district meetings last week. The *Yuma Sun* [reported](#) that, after parents shared their concern at the Yuma Elementary School District 1 board meeting, both the president and superintendent said they had no knowledge of attempts to bring Planned Parenthood sex programs into the school. Board president Joseph Melchionne said that "he would do all he could to keep the organization and the curriculum out of [the] school district." Yuma Elementary District 1 contains five of the targeted middle schools. About 60 community members attended the meeting to oppose Planned Parenthood.

Reporting on the Crane Elementary district board meeting, the *Sun* [said](#) that community members spoke out against Planned Parenthood and the curricula it supports and recommends. Quoting the superintendent, the article says, "We've had absolutely no contact with Planned Parenthood and really it's not on our radar." The Crane District contains two of the targeted middle schools.

AMEN will continue to reach out to other targeted school districts. When parents are the first to get their foot in the door and forewarn school officials and personnel what is coming, they have a definite advantage. When Planned Parenthood arrives, the school officials have in their hands information that will negate Planned Parenthood's claims that it is there to "fix" a bad situation. They will also be forewarned that parents do not want Planned Parenthood near their children or having any input in the education of their

children. School officials know that if parents care enough to come to them in advance, these parents and many others will be closely monitoring the situation.

And as a WISE (Working to Institutionalize Sex Education) official in Oregon [said](#) in a meeting with educators, superintendents do not like controversy. One or two parents can complain, and a sex education program will be axed, he said.

We recommend that parents organize and bring as much opposition as can be mustered.

If you think Planned Parenthood is not in your school district, you may be mistaken. Even if you are not mistaken, you can bet it is laying plans, and probably working on those plans already, to get in the doors and gain access to your children. Planned Parenthood is there for the long haul and willing to work for years to build the relationships that will allow its staff a foothold in local schools.

It is never too soon for parents to organize and attend school board meetings to let officials know that Planned Parenthood is the last thing children need, and that Planned Parenthood is not welcome in local schools. Your efforts will bring eternal rewards!

Kudos to ALL Associate group AMEN, and to all those who are doing research, gathering evidence, and attending school board meetings to score preemptive strikes against Planned Parenthood sex education.

Even as it is never too early to begin opposing Planned Parenthood, it is also never too late. Jim Sedlak's [\*Parent Power!!\*](#) is the definitive book on getting and keeping Planned Parenthood's repugnant sex classes out of schools. It is available free of charge for download at <http://www.stopp.org/pdfs/ParentPower.pdf>.