

MEA shocks again

I thought I had seen it all from the Michigan Education Association. This being the organization that supported Geoffrey Fieger for governor, one can assume it has the potential for poor decision-making.

However, I was amazed to read the May 22 story detailing the MEA's lawsuit against the Mackinac Center for Public Policy. MEA apparently is suing because the Mackinac Center used comments from MEA President Lu Battaglieri in a fund-raising letter. Notice that the MEA does not claim that Battaglieri was misquoted in the fundraising letter ... it just does not want Battaglieri's name used in a letter that helps raise funds for a group whose agenda opposes its own.

Maybe the MEA should spend less time trying to stifle free speech and trying to play "king-maker" in the Democratic Party, and more time actually trying to improve the quality of education in our schools.

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MEA out of touch

Kudos to Thomas Bray for pointing out how frivolous the Michigan Education Association's lawsuit against the Mackinac Center for Public Policy is ("Don't use courts to suppress dissent," June 2). It also is sinister because it involves the use of compulsory dues money from teachers in an attempt to intimidate Michigan's leading voice for education reform.

The MEA has filed this suit because it knows the Mackinac Center has done more to move the ball on school choice and education reform than any other organization in the state.

That the MEA lashed out with such an utterly foolish lawsuit that is doomed to fail is a testament to how out of touch the MEA leadership really is.

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