

## Heed words, actions of elected officials

As the parent of a Bedford High School graduate, I am stunned to read yet another article about the \$20,000 owed to the schools from the cable franchise fees.

The recent articles informed readers that the township board has decided to move the origination studio from the high school over to the township hall. Also, (Township Supervisor Walt) Wilburn contradicts himself by stating the attorney "explained the contract" and then stated "there's really no agreement or anything like that." Hello! Isn't a contract a formal agreement?

People in Bedford should be outraged

over this issue for several reasons and make their feelings known. We have continued to hear about how badly a new, larger township hall is needed. I recall hearing how the staff were working in such close quarters they're practically sitting on top of each other. Yet there is ample space to relocate the studio there? The recent action contradicts the statements of need, in my opinion.

With respect to the broadcasting program at Bedford High, it is an outstanding program. I know of several 2005 graduates who have chosen broadcasting

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as their career paths and gone on to higher education settings. I believe that the township should be working with the program offering its students more of the hands on experience they need, not against it.

In addition to Mr. Murphy teaching his students how to use the equipment, he teaches them what the words integrity, professionalism, responsibility and dependability mean. He is a fantastic teacher and his students respect him.

Bedford has some great teachers and programs to offer its students. That is why so many people choose to relocate here.

I could be callous now that my son has graduated and not care about those students coming behind him, but I think that would be irresponsible. I believe every child deserves the best education we can offer.

Budget cuts at the federal and state levels have hurt every community and school district in America. As our local governments will continue to cry poor and ask the taxpayers to pay more, we should demand that they be accountable for what we already pay.

Our schools cannot afford to be robbed of local money due them over political nonsense and greed.

I disagree with putting a cell phone tower behind Douglas Elementary for many reasons. However, if such a contract is entered into, I wonder how long before the township attempts to hijack that revenue, saying that there was "no agreement."

It is time for people to start using their critical thinking skills and examine the deeds of their elected officials. It is time to get registered and exercise your right to vote in the upcoming elections.

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