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Don't isolate the school board

In a recent article entitled, "Hugs, bribes and resumes," (Sunday Advance, March 8), an impression seems to have been made that . . . candidates for the position of assistant principal or principal will go to any extreme to get the attention of a school board member, thus get a vote.

The article was accurate in describing what only a couple of individuals have done to get the attention of school board members; for example, place a license in a Christmas card.

It must be perfectly clear, however, the couple of examples made were not systemic; rather they were isolated incidences.

From my vantage point as the secretary of the school board, I can attest to the very professional manner in which our school personnel conduct themselves when they are in the presence of the board, whether it be at a public meeting or as a member of a

standing committee of the board.

I fully understand and appreciate the valued role our Island educators play in communicating their feelings and knowledge about what the educational priorities of the Island should be. In fact, we must continually encourage, not discourage, our school personnel to interact with board members at school functions for the common good of our school district.

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