

Dance rules are fine, enforcement lacking

I have followed with great interest two stories that have been in the paper for the past few weeks: The stalled Nazareth teacher contract talks and the inappropriate behavior at the Forks Township dances.

The rules for the Forks Township dances are fine. The enforcement of the rules is not fine. To have untrained parent volunteers attempting to control hundreds of youths is a bad idea. If there was a fire in your house, would you want untrained people there to help or would you want experienced firefighters who have gone through the training required to handle the situation properly?

The Forks dances require experienced teachers to be chaperones. Teachers have the training and on the job experience necessary to deal with children who sometimes act inappropriately.

Untrained adults have difficulty controlling children for three hours. Teachers control children for seven hours a day, 180 days out of each year. How much is that worth? Ask the adults who were at the dance. My feeling is they have a deeper respect for the admirable job that teachers do each and every day.

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