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PEREIRA v. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION ET AL.—FIRST CONCURRENCE

McLACHLAN, J., concurring. I agree with and join the well reasoned majority opinion. I write separately, however, to highlight a significant point addressed by Justice Harper. In his concurrence, he points out the necessity of parental and community involvement in order for our public schools to be successful. I heartily agree. No matter how magnificent the facility, and regardless of the credentials and commitment of the teachers, if the school system is not supported by the parents and the community at large, the children, when they come to school, cannot be engaged fully in the educational process. Therefore, I agree with Justice Harper that anything that may alienate parents and the community from the schools leaves students without the support and encouragement that they need to succeed.