

The Haitian Community Says:

No to Racism!

No to Discrimination!

No to the Denigration of our Children in their Own Schools!

On March 16th 2005, following an altercation between some students in the lunchroom of PS 34 in Queens Village, Mrs. Nancy Miller, the Assistant Principal of the school, singled out the 13 Haitian students of the school's only 4th grade Bilingual class and forced them to sit on the floor to eat their lunch of chicken and rice with their bare hands. When the students protested, she screamed at them in front of the all the other students in the lunchroom: **"In Haiti they treat you like animals and I will treat you the same way here"**.

Instead of acknowledging this cruel and inhumane treatment of our children and the entire Haitian community, the Principal of the school, Mrs. Pauline Shakespeare, who according to a Haitian parent described her child's behavior as "animalism", has chosen to stand with her Assistant Principal. She has been repeatedly pulling some of the 13 Haitian children out of their class to try to convince them that the March 16th incident never happened. According to one of the students, Mrs. Shakespeare has even gone as far as offering the children free ice cream if they were to **"say something else"**.

We vow to our 13 children, who were so savagely humiliated by this racist white woman who we are paying to educate them, and to all our children everywhere that we will not allow this crime to go unpunished.

We demand no less than the firing of both, Mrs. Nancy Miller and Mrs. Pauline Shakespeare. We don't want them transferred to another school where they will simply continue to abuse other parents' children.

**Join us on Tuesday April 12th, 2005 from 2pm to 4pm
at a picket line in front of PS 34
104-12 Springfield Blvd. in Queens Village, NY**

Support us by calling to express your outrage and echo our demand:

Local Instructional Superintendent Janet Won at 718-281-3407

Regional Superintendent Judith Chin at 718-281-3407

Chancellor Joel Klein at 212-374-0200

Call EVERYONE to spread the word and fax this sheet to all Press contacts

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