

City of Cambridge

In City Council,

May 10, 1971.

ORDERED:-

That the Commissioner of Public Works be and hereby is authorized to grant a permit to Susan Todd for the Committee for an Alternative Public School to set up tables and gather signatures of registered voters on their petition in front of the following locations -

Purity Supreme Supermarket at 610 Massachusetts Avenue

Spilewski's Market at 222 Broadway

on Saturday, May 15, 1971 during the hours of 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P. M.

This permit is to be granted subject to the condition that written permission is received from an authorized representative of each business location concerned, which permission has been received by the office of the City Clerk, a copy of which is transmitted with this order.

City Council May 10, 1971

Adopted by the affirmative vote

of 6 members

Councillor Clinton recorded in the negative
Gormley, Sullivan absent
Paul E. Fealy
City Clerk

Purity Supreme Supermarket
610 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge
May 10, 1971

City Council
City Hall, Cambridge
Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge

Dear Sirs:

I hereby give permission to members of the Committee For an Alternative Public School to set up a small table in front of the Purity Supreme Supermarket, located at 610 Massachusetts Avenue, for the purposes of gathering signatures on their petition, on Saturday, May 15, 1971, between the hours of 9am to 5 pm.

Yours truly,

David H. Rousseau
Ast. Mgr.

Address

Mr Healy,

a lady called Susan Todd called and told me to tell you that a Mrs Susan Sattery will be at the Council meeting tonight at 8:30 to represent the Committee for an Alternative Public

School. If this time is not sufficient for her to speak Susan Todd would like to be notified at 876-4958.

MBH

PARENTS' STATEMENT OF INTEREST

As Cambridge residents and parents of school age children,
we believe in the need for a choice of educational approaches in the
City of Cambridge. We support the Committee for an Alternative
Public School and would consider sending our children to this school.

Name of parents _____

Children:

Name	Sex	Age (Sept. 1971)	Grade Level (Sept. 1971)
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Address _____

Phone _____

Public School District _____

Number of years of residence in Cambridge _____

Number of years expected to remain in Cambridge _____

Comments:

A New Kind of Public Elementary School

...for Cambridge

The Committee for an Alternative Public School is a group of 150 parents, teachers, and educators from the city of Cambridge. We are cooperating with the Cambridge public school system in the planning and implementation of a new elementary school. This school would incorporate different methods of teaching from those now available in our public schools. We feel that these differences would result in a school where:

Each child finds learning an important part of his life because it grows from his own curiosity and experience.

The classroom is designed to provide a great variety of materials in areas such as a reading corner, a crafts table, a science section, and a math activities center which the children are free to explore either alone or in groups. This allows the children to move from one area to another and discover through experience how each subject relates to the others.

The teacher both observes and stimulates the needs and interests of the children. She encourages further discovery by offering new materials and suggestions. She helps each child to evaluate his progress and to set new goals.

The class is composed of children of varying abilities, ages, and backgrounds. Children are encouraged to talk and work together. Cooperation is stressed. Social and academic learning are combined and emphasized equally.

Parents and other people from the community are welcomed and urged to contribute to the classroom and to serve as a bridge for the child's involvement with life outside the school.

Not all parents will feel that a school such as this is best for their own children. But parents should be able to choose a school within the Cambridge public school system which provides the kind of education they want their children to have.

The proposed school would be governed by a board of teachers, parents, and the principal. The Cambridge Superintendent of Schools would be an ex-officio member of the board.

The school would include grades k-8, with an initial enrollment of 150 to 200. The students would be accepted from among those whose parents apply to the school, and a definite policy will be instituted to assure a representative cross-section of the population.

Teachers would be volunteers from the Cambridge Public School Faculty and would be paid regular Cambridge salaries. They would be chosen on the basis of their interest in the concepts of the proposed school and their professional competence.

The school would be available as a resource center for teachers, educators, and parents who are interested in learning more about innovative educational methods.

The projected opening of the school would be September, 1971.

If you have any helpful suggestions or wish to receive further information, please call:

Nancy Keyes	864-3493
Steve and Fredrique Marglin	868-1899
Nina Segré	864-5177
Susan Todd	876-4958
Sue Weidemann	876-0615
Art and Alice Wood	354-3263

We need many different kinds of help; if you are interested, please complete this form.

- ☐ I would like more information (someone will call you).
☐ I would sign a petition urging that the School Committee establish an Alternative Public School.
☐ I would like to work actively (but not necessarily attend meetings).
☐ I would like to make a financial contribution to help with the cost of printing and mailing information. *(Please make checks payable to The Committee for an Alternative Public School)*
☐ I would consider sending my child to this school.

Name

Address

Phone

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Massachusetts Avenue
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Yours truly,

Spilewski's Market Inc
Jeremiah J. Spilewski
V. PRES.

57 Ellery Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts
May 10, 1971

City Council
City Hall, Cambridge
Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Sirs:

The Committee For an Alternative Public School would like to request permission to set up small tables in front of the Purity Supreme Supermarket, located at 610 Massachusetts Avenue, and Spilewski's Market, located at 222 Broadway, on Saturday, May 15, 1971, between the hours of 9am to 5pm, for the purposes of gathering signatures on our petition.

Enclosed you will find a letter of permission from both of the businesses concerned as well as a copy of our petition, parent statement of interest form and our brochure.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Todd".

Susan Todd
Committee of an Alternative Public School

Petition of Susan Todd for the Committee
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