

My name is Annie Solberg Sarnblad. I grew up in Glencoe and had Marvin Martin as my 6th grade teacher. I flew in yesterday from Boston, solely for the purpose of coming to this meeting.

When I was in my first or second year of New Trier, a classmate confided in me that he was molested by Marvin Martin. My classmate told me that he was molested while sharing a hotel room with Marvin Martin on one of the many trips Mr. Martin took students on. It is my understanding that Marvin Martin molested my classmate during the school year of 1982-3, when we were in 6th grade.

- An apology would go a long way. Even though this apology is on behalf of your predecessors. There is a huge correlation between apology and satisfaction. By denying, defending and delaying you are putting the school board at risk of being sued. When there is no other way for victims to feel heard and for justice to be achieved, people will turn to lawsuits.
- Please help the police to get justice for the crimes Marvin Martin committed, while teaching in this community. While being celebrated by this community.
- Can you imagine how painful it must be to have your aggressor celebrated for decades? Knowing that his crimes had been reported, and that the school and other grown ups looked the other way.
- I'm concerned that you hired the same law firm that protected pedophiles Charles Ritz of Lake Bluff and Bill Bricker of Winnetka.

Of course he was brilliant, of course he was a celebrated member of the community. How else would he have gotten away with it for so long?

Sexual assault victims are victimized several times both by their abuser and by the members of the community who do nothing. Who by keeping secrets protect the abuser.

I don't know how many of you had Mrs. Philips for social studies. One thing that she kept repeating has stuck in my mind through all of this: "If you aren't part of the solution, you are part of the problem."

I grew up in Glencoe. If I learned anything from living in this community, it is that bad things happen when good people do nothing. I expect this community to rally, to protect, to act.

Eldridge Cleaver. The correct (full) quote is: 'There is no more neutrality in the world. You either have to be part of the solution, or you're going to be part of the problem.'