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BIOGRAPHIES AND/OR POSITION PAPERS

Below are the biographies and/or position papers of the Delegates/Alternates running for Delegate/Alternate positions to the American Federation of Teachers. Election Day will be May 11, 1978. Biographies and/or position papers are listed in the order of the ballot with the alternate listed beneath its corresponding delegate.

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16 years as a teacher in Brentwood, former co-editor of IMPACT, past Executive Council member, Election Comm., AFT Delegate since 73, Chief Delegate for many years at Northeast Elementary.

I believe in a strong union and in upholding the contract. During my tenure as Chief Delegate, Northeast Elem. teachers initiated and successfully concluded a grievance which has enabled every elementary teacher in the District to receive payment when a substitute is not available to cover a special area teacher.

I am against "centers" and in favor of maintaining our present school system. I will do all I can to keep kindergarten centers, first grade centers and other centers from eliminating further teaching positions and programs in Brentwood.

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TOM DWYER

A 16 years in District, B.T.A. Delegate 2 yrs. South Jr., 3 yrs. West Jr.,
1 5 yrs. Sonderling, Financial Sec. 2 yrs., Executive Council 6 yrs., NYSUT
t Delegate 74-79, B.T.A. Emergency Comm. 1969-72, Numerous Building and/or
District Committees at various times (Grievance, Scholarship, etc.),
Member of Negotiating Team 74-75, 77-78.

JUDITH FACTOR

D I have taught Speech Therapy in Brentwood for 10 years. I have served
e as a B.T.A. Delegate 9 yrs. & Executive Council 2 yrs. I have also
l served on Ethics Committee (Spring 1969), and on District Pupil Per-
t sonnel Committee during 1976-77 school year.

CHARLES DIGIOVANNI

A I have been a mathematics teacher in the Sonderling High School p.m.
1 session for 6 years and have been a B.T.A. member for those 6 years. I
t have served as a Delegate 76-77, and as an Alternate Delegate 77-78 to
the Sonderling High School Planning Comm.. I have worked with the march-
ing band at their summer camp and on the Inaugural Parade & Orange Bowl
trips. I have served as a member of the Sonderling Build. Mathematics
Curriculum Comm. 74-76, and assisted the Political Action Comm. 74-75.

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FRANK SPENCER

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Teaching in Brentwood for more than 15 years, Active in teacher/union affairs all of 15 years. Member of the Civil and Human Rights Comm. of NYSUT. Chairman of the May, 1977 Brentwood Human Relations Conference Day. NYSUT Delegate 1975-81.

I will continue to work for my fellow teacher.