



## Teachers Seek Adoption Of New Grade Reporting System

THE CLARK COUNTY Classroom Teachers' Association will request the Board of School Trustees to adopt a nine-weeks grade reporting system in place of the present six-weeks plan, according to Russell Allen, President of the Association.

Allen said there were two basic reasons for requesting the change. "In the first place," he said, "We don't feel that six weeks is enough time to accurately evaluate student work. In the second, something has to be done to reduce the burden of paperwork under which the teacher labors. This is especially true as classes get larger and larger to compensate for a shortage of funds."

Allen said a reduction in grade reporting times from six to four per school year could save "a week's clerical time per teacher." He said he felt the week could be better spent in teaching and in preparing to teach.

HE EMPHASIZED, however, that the Association wanted more communication with parents. "We will insist that unsatisfactory notices

be sent to parents at least four weeks prior to report card time, and we hope more parents will take the initiative in contacting teachers personally."

Approval for the request to the Board was given last week by the 90-member senate of the Association. Their unanimous vote came after 403 teachers had requested the change through a questionnaire printed in the EDUCATORS' NEWSLETTER, official publication of the Association. Only 28 teachers favored retaining the present six-weeks system.

Allen said he did not know when the request would reach the Board of School Trustees. He said the request would be presented through regular administrative channels, and that the pressure of budget trimming to stay within "an entirely inadequate income" might delay action for several weeks.

"WE ALSO WANT TIME to hear parents' suggestions and reactions before the request reaches school board level," Allen said.

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