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problem with black kids," she insisted.

Bardlett said that after calling the transportation department, she was informed that the busdriver was new and was not aware of certain procedures. However, Yvette Perkins, Vice President of CIA said that "incompetence is no excuse."

"We believe that if Dennis —the alleged busdriver) did not know the rules, that he should not be driving. The school district has orientation classes for all new drivers and Dennis should be aware of those procedures before taking responsibility of our children. If he is not competent he should be replaced," she said.

The Sentinel-Voice interviewed about twenty parents and students in an attempt to get to the bottom of this story. Many parents were highly vocal and said they want the busdriver to be assigned to another route. The same busdriver, however, appeared on Friday morning as if the parents' outcry was not enough. There is an active letter-writing campaign and petition drive in process to have the driver assigned a different route.

"We don't want Dennis terminated or suspended, we just want him removed from this route," continued Perkins. "He does not know how to talk to our kids. He belittles them, he calls them nigger and other offensive names and he provokes them. We don't have a problem with him being white, we just want our kids treated like human beings!" said Perkins.

Allegations included: 1) leaving children stranded on numerous occasions; 2) calling many of the children of offensive names - nigger, s-o-bs, bitches, a-h---s; 3) inciting fear in the children by pulling the bus off the road onto the desert as if to turn the bus over with the children on it; and 4) having a bad attitude in general towards the children, their parents and West Las Vegas.

This Sentinel-Voice reporter, after interviewing many of the parents and students found that most of the allegations were not contrived and many of the students in general did not like the attitude of the driver towards them. "He (Dennis) calls us niggers and sometimes he talks about our mama. He call my mama a bitch and me a bitch." said one male student.

One student in particular, by the name of Tyrone, who

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