

# Decision was the right one

The Dover board of education made the right decision Monday night even though it may not be the popular one.

Reorganizing the elementary schools to equalize class sizes and save money was the only objective alternative to the decline in student enrollment and prospects of a deficit in operating funds.

The board delayed action on the reorganization for nearly three months, which gave citizens plenty of time to come up with alternatives and also to build some heat. Their alternatives were subjective and sought to maintain the neighborhood school concept, regardless of cost, or would have eliminated high school offerings, supervisory personnel and the like to retain the

status quo on the elementary level.

It is significant that the board was unanimous in its approval of Supt. Bill Kinneer's recommendation. In New Philadelphia, the board split on its vote against Supt. Roger Viers' recommendation concerning the rebuilding of Front Elementary. The issue remains unsettled and is threatening to split the system along neighborhood school lines.

The Dover decision was clear and decisive, despite the petitions, verbal confrontations and the implied threat of no votes on school issues.

Hopefully, the children will adjust to the practicalities of attending classes at whatever school they are assigned far better than their parents.