



Warren Area Elementary Center
349 East Fifth Street
Warren, PA 16365
Warren County School District

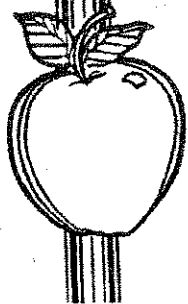
To: Dr. Kennerknecht
From: Ruth Nelson RN
Topic: School Bells
Date: May 3, 2005

Three of our six schools that will consolidate at the end of this school year have school bells on the front lawns: North Warren, Pleasant, and Jefferson Elementary. I have researched the possibility of having them restored and mounted either in a free standing tower or in their existing frames with both the Elderhorst Bell Co., Allentown, PA and Brosamer Bells, Michigan. The lowest estimate was \$7345.00 for restoration and a minimum of \$10,000 for a tower. This does not include shipping. I have sought, without success, community funds to proceed with this project. At this time I feel that cost prohibits this restoration of the bells.

On March 31, 2000, North Warren Presbyterian Church requested that the North Warren school bell be preserved in the community. I have attached their letter.

The bells have been preserved by the community schools, and I feel that it would be appropriate to move them to the new elementary center. At this time, I recommend that consideration be given to the North Warren request and that the remaining bells be mounted in the courtyard of the Warren Area Elementary Center.

Thank you for your help and consideration.



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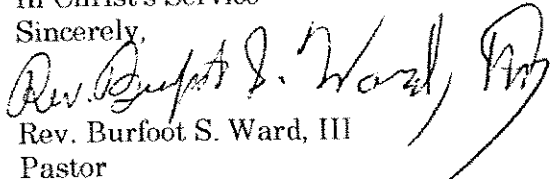
March 31, 2000

Dear Mrs. Nelson,

Please be advised that the placement of the old school house bell, should the school ever close, has been discussed here at the church and we certainly would be very willing to provide the bell a "new home" if need be. It would be wonderful to keep the bell in the same area that it once served and we would be very pleased to provide that placement. We more than likely would place it in the front yard of the Community House so it would be visible to all who passed by.

Thank you for thinking of the church in this matter, and affording us the opportunity to carry on the history of this community.

In Christ's Service
Sincerely,


Rev. Burfoot S. Ward, III
Pastor

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