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Penn-Trafford parents broker deal

Students return today, as their folks intervene with the board and striking teachers.

BY LORI HELLER
TRIBUNE-REVIEW

The people spoke. The board and union listened. The buses are rolling.

Students in the Penn-Trafford School District can thank their parents for all classes resuming this morning following 12 days of striking teachers, failing contract negotiations and differing public opinion.

"We want unity. We're tired of fighting," said LanNette Brinker, a key player in getting the teachers union and school board to meet the demands of a petition signed by more than 2,000 dis-

trict residents seeking to get the kids back into the classroom.

The school board voted 7-1 to hold four bargaining sessions with the union before Thanksgiving, without a stipulation that the union agree to fact-finding if the sessions fail to progress adequately.

Voting against the plan was school director Al Baird. Board member Phil Koshacic was absent.

School director Dr. Dominick Frollini made the motion to meet the public's demand after a raucous session Monday night during which the entire school board left the meeting room because the audience failed to follow the rules of order.

It was after one parent, who promised to settle the crowd, spoke privately with the school directors that the board returned to the public meeting to hear

from the remainder of the crowd wishing to speak, Brinker said.

She and fellow petitioner Larry Wagner, both of Penn Township, said Tuesday they enlisted an army of parents to circulate the petition, which did not throw "allegiance to either side" but rather placed students as the top priority in contract negotiations.

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Voters lash out at cash grab

Effort called a reform mandate

Two state judicial races send a warning to legislators.

ANALYSIS

BY DEBRA ERDLEY
TRIBUNE-REVIEW

An unprecedented grassroots effort to oust a pair of Pennsylvania Supreme Court justices was hailed Tuesday as a mandate for change in state government — and possibly a preview of what legislators will face in 2006, if they don't repeal their July pay raise.

Although Justices Russell M. Nigro and Sandra Schultz Newman had no apparent

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Hempfield Republicans win

Hempfield Township supervisors candidate John Skiavo (top left) counts votes Tuesday with his two nieces, Deanna (left), 12, and Stacy Skiavo, 15, and friend Jim Smith at the North Hempfield Volunteer Fire Department's social club. Skiavo and fellow Democrat Warren Ciabattoni were defeated by township Supervisor Bob Davidson and fellow Republican John Bossi.

Supreme Court justices feel voter resentment

Voters handed one Pennsylvania Supreme Court justice a new 10-year term Tuesday, but the fate of another remained unclear as public anger over a pay-raise law passed this summer spread to Pennsylvania's highest court.

Justice Sandra Schultz Newman won a second term with about 54 percent of the vote in the yes-or-no "retention" election.

The second justice, Russell M. Nigro, had only 49 percent support with 10 percent of the state's precincts still to report. Both candidates shifted their campaigns into high gear last week as lawmakers cast preliminary but decisive votes to repeal the pay-raise law — passed during the dead of night with no public notice or hearings.

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Incumbent ousted

North Huntingdon voters flush incumbent commissioner John Thornton, the chairman of the Western Westmoreland Municipal Authority, in favor of Republican newcomer Lee Moffatt in the 6th Ward.

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GOP wins in Latrobe

For the first time since 1965, Latrobe elects a Republican mayor, Tom Marflak, who will replace Warren Marckioni.

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Write-in wins in Irwin

Virginia DiPrimio loses her Irwin council seat to Democrat John Fonzo, a write-in candidate.

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Judges get 10 more years

Westmoreland County judges John Driscoll, John Blahovec and Gary Caruso will return for 10-year terms.

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Unity incumbent wins

Incumbent Supervisor Mike O'Barto defeats Republican businessman Marcus Wisneski in Unity Township.

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Ligonier Township undecided

In Ligonier Township, Republican newcomer Lee Komar was leading in the race for supervisor.

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Rioting forces 'moment of truth'

France cracks down on violence but vows to confront issues.

BY JOHN LEICESTER
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PARIS — France declared a state of emergency Tuesday to quell the country's worst unrest since the student uprisings of 1968 that toppled a government, and the prime minister said the nation faces a "moment of truth" over its failure to integrate Arab and African immigrants and their children.

The extraordinary security measures, which begin today and are valid for 12 days, clear the way for curfews after nearly two weeks of rioting in neglected and impoverished neighborhoods with largely Muslim communities.

Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin, tacitly acknowledging that France has

failed to live up to its egalitarian ideals, reached out to the heavily immigrant suburbs where the rioting began.

He said France must make a priority of working against the discrimination that feeds the frustration of youths made to feel that they do not belong in France.

"We must be lucid: The Republic is at a moment of truth," Villepin told parliament. "The effectiveness of our integration model is in question."

He called the riots "a warning" and "an appeal."

Despite his conciliatory tone, Villepin said riot police face "determined individuals, structured gangs, organized criminality," and that restoring order "will take

■ **Fateful words:** "Scum" label deepened resentment of rioters. A10

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MICHEL SPINGLER/AP

Firefighters extinguish a burning car in Gentilly, south of Paris, early Tuesday. French President Jacques Chirac promised arrests, trials and punishment for those sowing "violence or fear" across France.

Rioting in France

3
The number of riot-related deaths.

13
The number of consecutive nights of rioting.

274
The number of cities that have experienced rioting.

5,325
The number of vehicles torched in France.

9,500
The number of police and reservists deployed.

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A new way to TV

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