

## Actual Bully Targets Students at Virtual School

Local bully Cosmo Paine is modifying his array of tormenting skills in preparation for his transfer from Euclid Middle School to Inert Online Academy.

“One must put aside the conventional physical approaches and develop instead a more nuanced set of tools,” the 12-year-old menace explained. “Social media, of course, must be mastered. But

we mustn’t discount the importance of more direct threats and insults.”

Concerns, however, were expressed by some older bullies. “The craft is quickly being lost,” one told us. “Can any online performance match the elegance and tradition of wedgies, swirlies and Charlie horses?”

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## USC Football Program Takes Over Los Angeles Schools

In a move sure to be watched nationally, the troubled Los Angeles Unified School District has been handed over to the USC Football program. An independent commission appointed last spring to consider LAUSD’s options announced the innovative move at a press conference Tuesday morning.

“The mayor, the school board, the union, the superintendent, the charter operators - they’re all part of the problem. We had nowhere else to turn,” said commission chair Reggie Simpson, “USC Football has shown that it can blatantly violate all the rules and come out on top. That sort of can-do, no-excuses spirit has been lacking in this district for as long as we can remember.”

Other options were considered but passed over. For instance, the LA-based Broad Foundation had submitted a bid for the district, hoping to

purchase the district directly. The Foundation has long been troubled by the inefficiency of having to individually purchase those with nominal control over district operations.

Similarly, the *Los Angeles Times* had actively sought to have the district put under its supervision. The *Times* cited as experience its past efforts using astrologers and phrenologists to determine the quality of the district’s teachers. But the commission was hesitant to turn the district over to a newspaper that would, in all likelihood, fold sometime around the second week of February.

Ultimately, USC Football proved to be the most compelling option. “Why not football programs?” asked Simpson. “Other districts have turned to military leaders, business leaders, and for-profit companies. Does this seem any less sensible?”

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## Gingrich: Fire Janitors and Have Kids Clean Schools

In a bold break with the Enlightenment, presidential candidate Newt Gingrich has attacked child work laws. Children become sadly entrapped in poverty, he explained, when they lack opportunity to clean public toilets.

“Most of these schools ought to get rid of the

unionized janitors, have one master janitor and pay local students to take care of the school,” Gingrich reasoned. “The kids would actually do work, they would have cash, they would have pride in the schools, they’d begin the process of rising.”

[Note that this one is [actually true](#)]