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To the Editor:

The firing of Portland School Superintendent Robert Blanchard is debatable; the effort to recall the four school board members who voted in favor of such action is not. The recall is a right of the people, but with that right goes the responsibility to exercise the recall only when there has been misconduct in office or abuse of the office. Voting to replace a superintendent cannot be construed as either misconduct or abuse of office, rather it represents a viewpoint of policy.

A point of absurdity has been reached, with those persons holding the opposing viewpoint attempting to recall the board members voting to retain the superintendent.

Before anarchy in its worst form sets in, all sides would be better served to put their efforts into positive and constructive action, instead of vendettas.

Sincerely,

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