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Will Dover schools be the entry point of Ebola into New Hampshire?

To City Council - By Dr. Mike Crago

Ms Emma Tobin, the Director of the ORIS office in Manchester - contacted the City of Dover in June. ORIS stands for Office of Refugee Resettlement.

She did not ask how many refugee children from the Congo Dover would consider taking.

She told us there would be 100 children coming from the Congo for settlement to Dover this year followed by then 100 more every year for the coming 5 years.

They may be followed by other family members from the Congo so families can be reunited.

We were told there would be some federal funds to offset increased Dover costs in the first year. The amount of future financial help, and its source were not revealed.

When Ms Tobin was asked by a representative of the Dover administration “suppose we don’t feel we can handle this number of refugees “ The answer was: “**it is not your call.**”

There is much more here than the cost and educational issues involved. French is the native language of these children. We would have to put them into a special education program. The impact on our school budget has not been calculated. The cost of housing, food and medical costs are unknown.

Could this imposed federal program cause Dover to be the entry point into New Hampshire of Ebola.

Ebola is as dangerous and deadly as the Bubonic Plague

In the early 1330s an outbreak of deadly bubonic plague broke out in China.

From China, the plague traveled to the Black Sea, from there to Sicily and then to the mainland of Italy and the rest of Europe. .

The disease struck and killed people with terrible speed. The Italian writer Boccaccio said its victims often "ate lunch with their friends and dinner with their ancestors in paradise."

After five years 25 million people were dead--**one-third of Europe's people.**

I would expect members of the Dover PTA to take a strong stand against this potential danger to our Dover school children.