

THE Emancipator

Exploring solutions to racial inequity



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racism impacts us all—and
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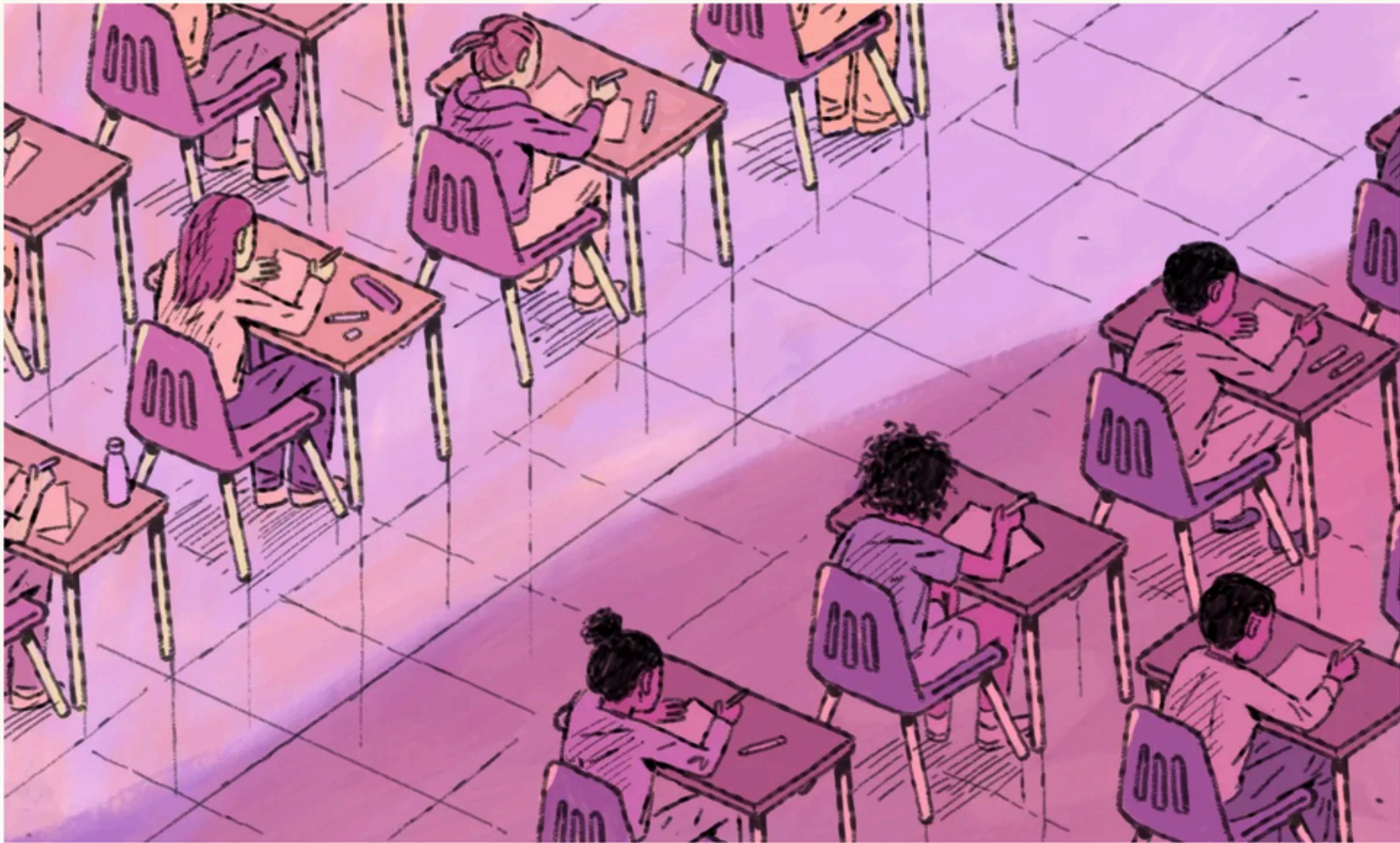
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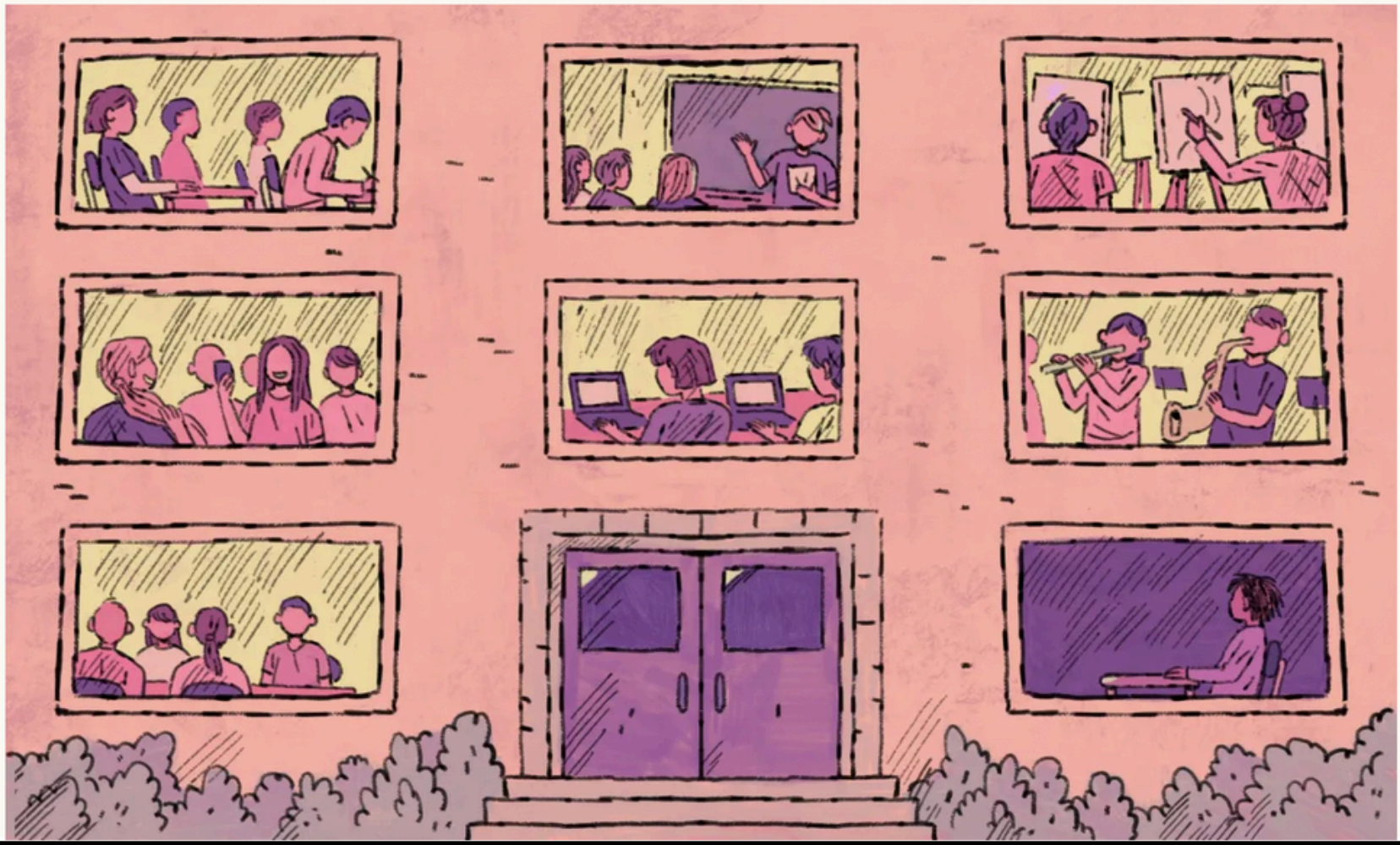


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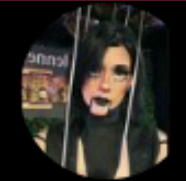


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We cannot let this history be erased or forgotten

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Zeizar Zalad

Thank you for sharing your story; my moms side is Irish and grew up/still lived in Southie during this time - thank you for sharing YOUR history 🧡

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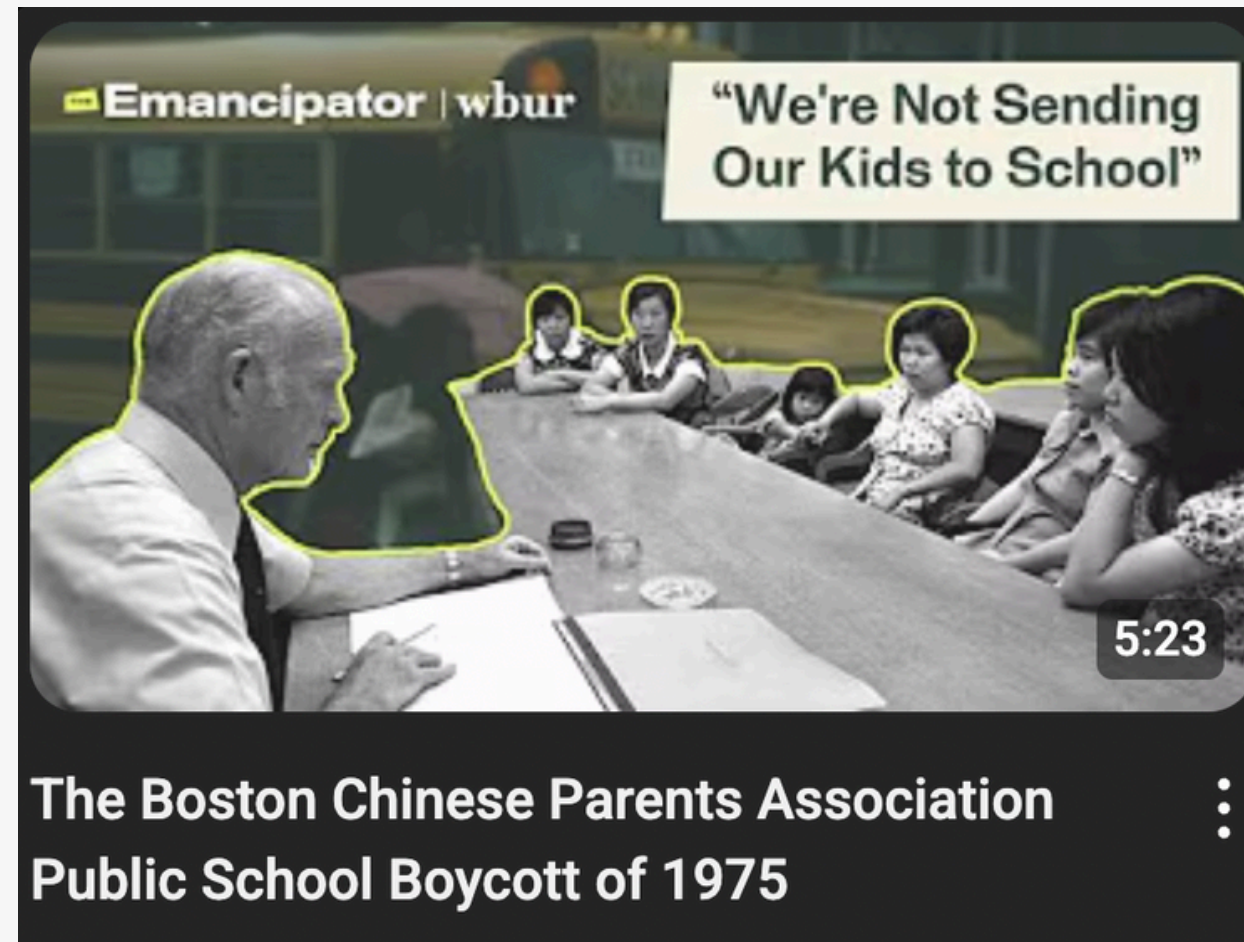
My entire life all I've heard about was the trouble with integrating schools in the south, as of racism only existed in the south

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“BOSTON BUSING CRISIS”

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We should NOT use the term **"forced busing"**

we should not be using the term "forced busing," at least without context.

Jamil Smith
Editor-in-Chief

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