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September 12, 1974

Mr. James Sullivan
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Dear Mr. Sullivan:

In accordance with the contract dated August 23, 1974, I am submitting fifty copies of the Report on "Educational Requirements and Site Analysis for High School Facilities," completed in July 1974.

Ten of the copies have been delivered to the School Department for distribution to members of the School Committee. The rest is reserved for members of the City Council, City Administration, and interested community groups, steering committee and individuals.

The report has been prepared in collaboration with Dr. George Collins, Educational Planner.

Superintendent of Schools, Alflorencia Cheatham, will present his recommendations to the School Committee this Thursday, the 19th of September, with an explanation of the Educational Program on Career Development Education.

In March 1973, the School Committee approved my Plan 4B, which proposed to build new schools within the present site, and requested to the City Council to vote funds for the preparation of educational requirements.

On December 23, 1973, the City Council approved the funds.

The report submitted complies with the directives from the School Committee to develop educational requirements for Plan 4B. It contains:

1. Educational requirements as related to Plan 4B, site analysis, revised construction cost and schedule and its effects on taxes.

The cost of this project has been reduced by \$1,150,000.00, compared with costs submitted in March 1973.

2. Two alternative uses of the present site, based on slightly modified educational requirements, and on the modernization and expansion of one or both High Schools, construction cost and schedule and its effect on taxes.
3. Two alternative sites, construction cost and schedule and its effect on taxes.

The reason for the Studies 2 and 3 is to record with accuracy the educational, planning, design and economical implications of all possible alternatives, in order to assist the School Committee and the City in the evaluation of this project.

This is extremely important because no proposal ever presented - past or present - modernization or new buildings - present site or new sites - can be judged or compared if all of them do not respond to consistent educational programs and space needs, and to accurate and up-to-date cost studies and its effect on taxes. Charts with such consistent and up-to-date information are found in Pages 112 and 112-A.

These Studies, 2 and 3, have been prepared because of the advice or request from almost everyone participating in this project - a long list to detail.

I am deeply aware of the controversies that the project of this importance creates not only among members of the community, but also among members of the two elected bodies.

I am also aware that there are many members, more than eager to work together in finding a solution so the City can decisively develop its educational program and facilities, and present complete requirements to several state agencies before the critical deadline of May 1975.

Last May, I wrote to you in search of guidance, attempting to develop a much needed consensus. You can continue to count on my full cooperation to develop this project to which I am very much attached.

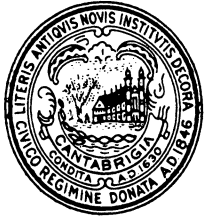
The new programs proposed in this report and the related physical facilities will increase the yearly state contribution to the City by \$571,000. This and other financial opportunities described, will allow to build any of the proposals presented from a tax decrease of 56 cents to a tax increase of 2 cents, per year per 1000 dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
JAMES L. SULLIVAN
City Manager

September 16, 1974

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I transmit herewith a communication from Eduardo Catalano, Architect, and a copy of the Report on "Educational Requirements and Site Analysis for High School Facilities" completed in July 1974.

Very truly yours,

James L. Sullivan
City Manager

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Report on "Educational Requirements and Site
Analysis for High School Facilities."

In City Council,

Sept. 16, 1974

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