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Figures provided by Architect Catalano concerning parking presently existing on the High School site appear to be seriously inaccurate, based probably on observations at other than the time of peak use, combined with what would appear to be simply an error in a seriously low count at Rindge. Following are four sets of figures which I have obtained, for your information. I suggest you, to satisfy yourself as to the situation, make a visual count of the site during the daytime hours of peak use.

Catalano, Sept. 11 School Committee
subcommittee hearing

42 Rindge
36 Library
34 Trowbridge St.¹
25 Court Yard²
19 Ellery Street
46 War Memorial
202 Subtotal³
18 Superintendent's Off.⁴
220

School Department, Sept. 10, Miss Turner

171 CHLS & street⁵
68 Rindge (Irving Street)
29 Superintendent's Off.
259 Subtotal
30 Library⁴
289

- NOTES: 1. Includes four cars elsewhere listed as War Memorial, and parking on both sides.
2. Apparently only the South Court Yard.
3. Catalano gave a subtotal of 179. Perhaps I erred on a figure copied.
4. My observation, Sept. 9. Figures not provided by this source.
5. Includes 14 on Trowbridge and 20 on Ellery.

My observations, Sept. 10 (plus), A.M.

16 Trowbridge St.
68 War Memorial
11 CHLS, North Court Yard
34 CHLS, South Court Yard
24 Ellery St.⁶
30 Library⁶
72 Irving St. (Rindge)⁶
18 Superintendent's Off.⁶
273

My observations, 4:30 P.M., Sept. 9.

18 Superintendent's Off.
72 Irving St. (Rindge)
30 Library⁷
0 Trowbridge St.
50 War Memorial
24 Ellery St.
11 CHLS, South Court Yard
0 CHLS, North Court Yard
205

- NOTES: 6. Observations, 4:30 P.M., Sept. 9. Ellery St. appeared about the same.
7. Includes 2 for the Bookmobile.

It is quite obvious during peak hour observation that parking facilities in present use are used to absolute capacity, including techniques which will not be possible in more regularly designed facilities. My figure of 273 is lower than a figure for accurate capacity which I would have obtained had I counted the entire site during the peak hours.

Catalano's proposal, Sep. 11

90 Field House
38 Library
128
18 Supt. Off.⁴
146

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no longer "operative": 99, Hovey Ave.

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Parking site at High School

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