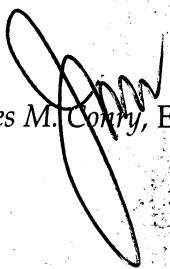


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TO: Robert Healy, City Manager

DATE: 7/7/98

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FROM:  James M. Conry, Executive Director of Management Services

SUBJECT: Response to City Council Order #007 Dated 5/11/98
RE: Changes in School Population Since the End of Rent Control:

The following information is provided in response to the attached Order;

1. Rent Control was phased out over two years, from 1/1/95 through 12/31/96. Enrollments preceding, during, and following that period are as follows;

	<u>SY 1993-94</u>	<u>1994-95</u>	<u>1995-96</u>	<u>1996-97</u>	<u>1997-98</u>
Elementary	5513	5574	5528	5539	5497
Secondary	2018	2047	1989	1983	1910
Ungraded	<u>646</u>	<u>670</u>	<u>651</u>	<u>531</u>	<u>459</u>
Total	8177	8291	8168	8053	7866
Low Income %					
Elementary	44.9	48.5	45.8	44.4	44.6
Secondary	18.8	22.7	22.2	21.7	18.3

2. Enrollments have declined by 3.8% during the 5-year period, while the low-income percentage has declined by 0.6%. During this same period of time, in addition to rent control, the Banneker Charter School and the Somerville Charter School have opened up and have enrolled approximately 177 Cambridge students from the public schools.
3. While it is factually clear that enrollments have declined, the reasons for the decline are not easily separable. In 1996, an attempt was made, in cooperation with the Community Development Department, to identify changes in the rates of students leaving Cambridge from previously rent-controlled housing. However, the lack of any historical data on such rates made it impossible to arrive at any definite conclusions.
4. Each year we update our 5-year enrollment projections, based on actual historical enrollments, and use these updated projections to plan for staffing and budget needs. Attached is a copy of our latest 5-year projections.

JMC/tg

cc: B. D'Alessandro

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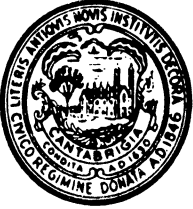
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SYSTEM WIDE SUMMARY BY GRADE - STAGE 2

YR.	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	UNC	T
93-94	803	737	651	634	606	526	512	529	515	479	517	628	394	646	8177
94-95	828	717	697	629	626	581	516	485	495	513	590	510	434	670	8291
95-96	769	738	678	633	620	585	558	482	465	496	529	533	431	651	8168
96-97	780	615	672	660	615	601	572	538	486	477	514	505	487	531	8053
97-98	774	641	618	649	636	571	570	531	515	485	469	495	461	459	7866
W.B.R.	.851 (K-1)	.948 (1-2)	.983 (2-3)	.977 (3-4)	.948 (4-5)	.967 (5-6)	.943 (6-7)	.965 (7-8)	1.005 (8-9)	1.071 (9-10)	.952 (10-11)	.841 (11-12)			
98-99	774	659	608	582	634	603	552	538	512	518	519	446	416	459	7820
99-00	774	659	625	580	568	601	583	521	519	515	554	494	375	459	7827
00-01	774	659	625	596	566	539	581	550	503	522	552	528	416	459	7870
01-02	774	659	625	596	582	537	521	548	531	505	559	525	444	459	7865
02-03	774	659	625	596	582	552	519	491	529	534	541	532	441	459	7834



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July 27, 1998

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 5, regarding a report on changes in the school population that may have resulted from the end of Rent Control and what is being done to plan for and anticipate this impact, received from Executive Director of Management Services for the School Department James Conry.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Attachment

Consnet Agenda #5

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Relative to AR #5 regarding a report on changes in the school population that may have resulted from the end of Rent Control and what is being done to plan for and anticipate this impact.

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