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TO: Dr. Nathan Brown
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RE: Progress Report on the John Duey High School - Formerly Identified
as the Shore Front or New High School

I have had a series of conferences with representatives of the C. S. A. and U. F. T. at separate meetings and as a whole committee. The general reaction to the program has been one of enthusiastic support.

Two major issues has arisen. The first is the eight hour day for the professional staff as well as the student body. The other is the extended school year proposed by Dr. Donovan.

With regard to the eight hour day, the committee recognizes its value both experimentally and as a recognition of the interest in extending the educational experiences of students. The eight hour day for teachers was a matter of considerable discussion. At present, tentative conclusions are that no teacher entering this program shall be required to agree to working an eight hour day. However, if a teacher should choose to give this additional time beyond the prescribed six hours and twenty minutes, it will be a matter of personal choice provided there is additional compensation. The same attitude was projected by the C. S. A.

The extended school year was discussed at considerable length. It was felt by the C. S. A. representatives, especially those who had originally helped to design this concept, that such extension was not in harmony with the original proposal. It could distort the whole design. In addition, it would make more difficult the recruitment of students and the readiness to participate on the part of their parents.

The U. F. T. will not oppose the extended school year but would insist that it be optional with the teachers. It approaches it without enthusiasm.

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On the evening of May 8th I will meet with the Local School Board for a discussion and review of the educational program. The Local School Board has been concerned about the space in that school being kept available for relieving overcrowding in the district.

Additional meetings will be held with the C. S. A. and U. F. T. At that time, it may be desirable to invite representation from the Local School Board as part of the Planning Committee so that there may be as complete representation as possible.