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Dear Mayor White,

I would like to express my concern over the school situation in the city of Boston. I live here, and I feel that it is of serious concern to my parents and to all parents, both black and white.

Some children, especially small children, are sometimes afraid to go to school. If, however, they know that their parents are close by, and they are in their own environment, with their own friends, it is a tremendous help.

Parents also feel more secure if they can reach their children quickly, in case of emergency. This cannot happen if the child is in a school far away from home.

People buy homes in a neighborhood that they like, and invest a tremendous amount of money, time, and work to make it a nice place, and then they find that everything is disrupted because of a new ruling.

Prices are sky-high. Gas and oil are in short supply. It costs my parents (and all parents), an unbelievable amount of money just to feed and clothe us. Maybe all this wouldn't seem so bad if they didn't have to worry about things like school.

Pretty soon we will be told that certain streets can shop at the First National, and others must shop at the A & P, and so forth. I wonder how long it will be before we are told we have to go to bed at a certain time, and we may not go out except on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. All sound a little ridiculous? So did the school situation, had it been brought up 100 years ago.

You must put a stop to this regimentation. Man is a free being. To think, talk, worship, and be educated in his own way is his undeniable right.

Please help us by standing behind us, and fighting for us. If we all stick together, we can win.

Respectfully Yours,
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P.S

I am a student at Boston Latin School