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114 Marine Road
South Boston, Mass.

MAYOR'S OFFICE

Dear Mayor Kevin White,

I am writing to you as a mother of nine children to tell you that I feel you are doing a grave injustice to our children in South Boston and to the City as a whole.

Five of my children have already graduated from South Boston High School and they loved every minute of it and I always felt my other four children would follow. I feel that my children did all they could for our Highschool. For fifteen years I've had my sons participate actively with a lot of hard work and their own time to bring South Boston to many Championship results. My girls were all enthusiastic spectators and supporters of all the athletic and extra curricular events.

You and others like yourself are taking this feeling of pride and love for our highschool away from us.

I know you are calling the Roxbury building in Roxbury a part of South Boston, but in our book and in our hearts, it will never be a part of us in South Boston.

I have a sixteen year old daughter, whom I love very much and in no way will I let her attend the Roxbury building in September. I will take no chances in the safety of my daughters.

May I ask you, please ?, Is this desegration so important that it is creating such a turmoil in families throughout the City of Boston? Parents who have been so close are arguing and bitter to one another because they cannot solve a problem that was brought on through no fault of their own.

Now we are faced with the big problem of trying to afford a private school so our children can finish their high school education at a school of our second or third choice. The expense we cannot afford but will, one way or another because we love our children. There are some parents who in no way can work to send their children to another school. These poor children are going to drop out of school. Is this what you want? Will this help balance your schools? Hundreds of children are going to be deprived of the education of their choice.

The City of Boston is supposed to have the finest teachers in the country so why - why does it make any difference what school a child goes to as long as it is near their home and their choice.

The happiest time in a child's life should be in their school years, both elementary and high school and being forced to go to a school they don't want, will neither make them happy or help with their education.

The time and the money that will be spent on buses, aides, monitors etc. could be put to much better use by improving on educational programs and devices in all local community schools where a child can feel secure, happy and well educated near their homes.

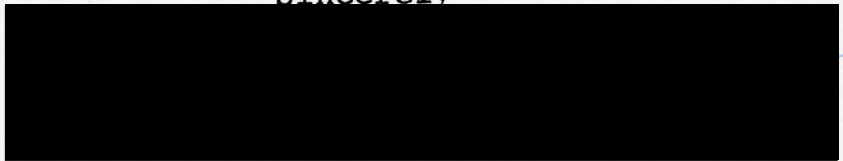
Not only am I speaking for myself but as President of the Social Mother's Club of South Boston with over a hundred Mothers who agree with my thoughts whole heartedly.

It's not too late to halt all these moves and think of every child as an individual not as a statistic regardless of race, color or creed.

People will like people and get along through association, but will never by force.

Please don't let our children in the City of Boston be victims of a mistake made hundred of years ago. This is unjust and unwise for a healthy community.

Sincerely



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