

August 19, 1974

Dear Judge Garity,

I am going into my senior year. Last year I attended [redacted] High School, in September. I am going to be forced to attend [redacted] High School.

I already have purchased my class ring from [redacted], and also have had my pictures taken for my yearbook. I have been a student at [redacted] High for two years and don't want to be forced out. Everyone says that your senior year is the best, I intended to join all kinds of clubs and also work down the lunchroom again. I finally know almost all the teachers and I have a lot of school spirit. If I were to attend [redacted] I would not have any school-spirit, and I wouldn't consid-

er it my school. This would ruin my senior year.

In the paper you were quoted saying that if the home and school cared enough they would have come to the hearing. My mother is on the home and school board but she read in the Boston Globe that only attorneys for different groups would be allowed in your court. She and other mothers already brought over 1500 letters from the students at [redacted] to the State Board of Education, and another 1500 to the school committee, requesting that we be allowed to graduate from our own school.

Last Spring I watched students from [redacted] high on television, they were requesting the school committee to let them graduate from their own school also.

If I am bussed I will also have to quit my job because I will not get home before 3:00 o'clock.

My senior year means very much to me, so please allow all seniors to stay.

Please reply soon, as I would like to know that you got my letter.

Thank you



P.S. Enclosed is a stamped self addressed envelope.