

# Cooper Community Center

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October 25, 1974

The Honorable Kevin White  
Mayor of the City of Boston  
Mayor's Office  
1 City Hall Square  
Boston, Massachusetts

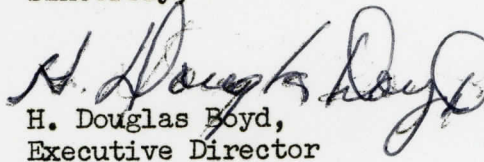
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MAYOR'S OFFICE

Dear Sir:

The enclosed Resolution, passed unanimously by the Cooper Community Center Board of Directors on October 23, 1974, is being sent to you for purposes of stating our support for Law-Makers, Newspapers, Organizations and Citizens, who believe in the doctrine of non-violence, justice, and quality education for all our citizens.

This Resolution is not meant to advise parents or children as to the rights or wrongs of bussing, for we believe if quality education had been a standard practice in all the schools of Boston, Bussing, indeed would not be an issue.

Sincerely,

  
H. Douglas Boyd,  
Executive Director

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RESOLUTION:      Opposing Violence Related To Quality Education Concerning Bussing

The Board of Directors of The Cooper Community Center, 719 Shawmut Avenue, composed of people, black and white from within and without the Roxbury area, has unanimously voted to state that; it is their deep belief that violence and disobedience of the law makes, above everyone else, the children the injured parties. We in this country can not afford to have the childrens' point of view and attitude to their companions wounded. We can not afford to generate hatred in any child regardless of color or age.

We recognize the right to protest, even by demonstrations, laws that are enacted. But this action must be taken without violence, scurrilous language or outright disobedience to the law.

We plead on behalf of what our country stands for to exert all influence to prevent the generation of hatred among our people with special awareness of the harm we do to children by such hatred-generation.

The Board also expresses pride in its staff members who have actively participated within the troubled area to quiet violence and insure children of our community a safe and quality education.