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To: Paul
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Re: The Cambridge Plan--An update

PROGRESS TO DATE

We remain enmeshed in administrative details. We continue to struggle with the tiers of membership, complicated by some confusion over the roles of the various layers. Who shall be members of the corporation, on the advisory committee, on the board of directors, and the executive board pose problems because we do not completely understand what each of these four layers is supposed to do. As of now, the 'heavy hitters' will be members of the corporation and their reps will act as the board of directors. This may be subject to change at the next meeting.

My feeling has been that we will not make any significant progress until we break down to sub-committees and discuss: 1) precisely where Cambridge is today in their computer program and 2) where does Cambridge want to be. These are not easy questions; they will require some time and thorough discussion. Solutions hinge on how we answer these issues. As of yet, we have not handled these. We will meet next Wednesday and will discuss what Cambridge has and what resources are around. I hope that this gets us moving. Bill Lannon (Superintendent and chair of the committee) is responsible for letting us know where Cambridge stands with its computer program.

On the other hand, some believe that we have made great progress; we have agreed to form a non-profit corporation and have a name for it (The Cambridge Plan--Computers for Kids), we have \$2000 in an account, and we have weekly meetings that are well attended (with free lunches).

I do see some potential problems with the direction in which we are heading and would like to discuss them today, if possible. I think that a meeting on Friday with the Mayor and Lannon (and others) would be appropriate and necessary.