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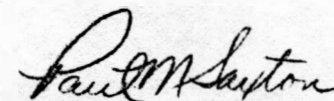
Dear Oakland Teacher:

Recently you received a pamphlet entitled "How Classroom Desegregation Will Work", featuring a black and white checkered schoolhouse on the cover and published by the Patrick Henry Press. The organizations listed below were disturbed and concerned by this affront to the Negroes in our community and to Oakland teachers. The concern of these organizations has led to their cooperation in this mailing to all Oakland teachers of an extract from the U. S. Civil Rights Commission Report of March, 1967 on "Racial Isolation in the Public Schools". Quality schooling for all children is and should be our foremost goal in education today, but myths about integration also need to be actively combatted, especially when they are widely circulated.

It is hoped that this information will assist you in countering the distortions presented in the Henry Press publication.

These organizations believe there are other issues in the public life of Oakland which need to be raised by concerned citizens working in concert. To that end, the possibility of an on-going coalition which would act in areas of education, housing, employment, and city government is being explored. Although not all of the organizations participating in this mailing are members of Community Organizations United for Progress, they are united in their desire for progress in these areas.

Sincerely,


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LAKE PARK METHODIST CHURCH, Social Action Committee
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF OAKLAND
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS, Golden Gate Chapter
OAKLAND EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
OAKLAND FAIR HOUSING COMMITTEE
OAKLAND FEDERATION OF TEACHERS
OAKLAND PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION
SIXTEENTH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT DEMOCRATIC CLUB
SOCIAL WORKERS' UNION - LOCAL 535 AFL-CIO
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SUNDAY EVENING DISCUSSION GROUP ON EDUCATION
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