

REPORT OF THE FACILITIES COMMITTEE

The Facilities Committee, comprised of Board members Goodson, Piro, Restaino and myself, began our task in July, 1987 by first meeting with Dr. Fadule and Mr. Sincaglia.

It was decided that every elementary PTA should be represented, and each one was contacted and was represented at subsequent meetings. Representatives of the teaching staff were also invited. Principals were designated as resource persons to aid Committee members in obtaining specific building information.

Mrs. Goodson was assigned the task of visiting each school building and gathering information about current room utilization. Mrs. Goodson undertook these visits with principals accompanied by PTA representatives. The information obtained by Mrs. Goodson noted that no available rooms existed in the high school, Franklin, Yantacaw or Radcliffe. Spring Garden's only vacant room cannot be used as a classroom according to State standards. Washington School had one vacant room on the ground floor. Lincoln School had three old Special Education rooms not in use, plus two regular classrooms on the second floor. (Special Education classes, however, will now be housed in two of the three spare Special Ed. rooms.)

Mr. Piro and Mr. Sincaglia jointly worked on recent enrollment patterns. Mr. Piro obtained birth record information from Mayor Chenoweth's office, and this was utilized with actual enrollment data of the period 1980-81 - 1987-88 and the previous enrollment study done by an outside consultant in 1984-85.

From the available information, it appeared that actual enrollments will decline only slightly in 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91. From that point on, there would be a slight increase, and enrollments in 1992-93 should be about the same as they were in 1987-88. Elementary school enrollments should actually be higher than they were since 1981-82. Franklin School enrollment

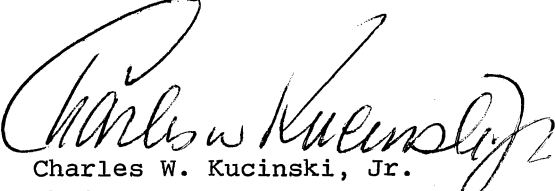
should hit its low point this year and will then increase. In 1992-93, their enrollment will be about what it was in 1985-86. Nutley High School's enrollment will decline slightly thru 1990-91 and then increase.

It must be noted that, in looking at facility information and enrollment data, we must be aware of the many "new" uses that exist for classrooms that were not present even in the late 1970's.

Special Education, Compensatory Education, computer labs and other specialized activities utilize classroom space which in previous years could house regular instructional classes with enrollments of 20 - 25 rather than 6 - 8.

The Committee held its final meeting in July, 1988. The consensus of the Committee was that there was no possibility of considering any building closing or other consolidation at this time. We intend to stay abreast of enrollment information and are always prepared to reexamine this issue if conditions change. However, at this time there is no recommendation from the Committee to disturb the current school arrangement.

I would like to thank my fellow Board members on the Committee as well as PTA representatives Linda Sharf, Debra Ferreri, Marilyn Testa, Anne Marie Nicolette, Alexandra DiFrancesco and Skip Arculli. I would also like to thank Ro Tangorra for representing the teaching staff. Finally, I would like to thank the principals and vice-principals for their assistance, former Mayor Chenoweth and, of course, our three central administrators, Dr. Fadule, Dr. Votto and Mr. Sincaglia.


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Chairman

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