May 20, 1965

Hon. Mayor Robert F. Wagner City Hall New York, New York

Dear Sir:

As a Rabbi of an Orthodox synagogue in New York City, I am extremely concerned by the threat to Sabbath observance and Jewish education which is posed by the new structure of double or triple sessions for high schools.

Whereas I am completely in sympathy with the desire for the integration of our shhool system, I certainly would not want this to take place at the expense of the religious integrity and cultural continuity of those who adhere to the Jewish faith.

I strongly urge, as an alternative, that students and teachers be given a choice of selecting the early sessions in the new system, so as to insure that no minority will be disadvantaged at the expense of another.

Sincerely yours,

RABBI NORMAN LAMM

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This letter was sent to the following people:

Dr. Bernard Donovan Acting Superintendent of Schools 110 Livingston Street Brooklyn, New York

Hon. James Donovan President Board of Education , 110 Livingston St., B'klyn, N.Y.