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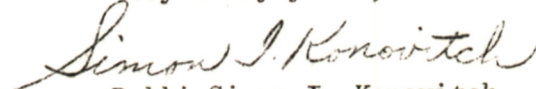
I bring to your attention a matter of urgent importance to the New York City Jewish community. As you are aware, there is a new proposed integration plan for New York City. According to this plan almost all High Schools will go on a double or triple session. Many students and teachers will be assigned to late sessions which will end as late as 5:00 or 6:00 p.m.

This is a direct threat to SHMIRAS-SHABBOS during the winter months. This is also a direct threat to Jewish Education on the Talmud Torah level in which the bulk of Jewish children receive their Jewish education.

Your committee was represented at a meeting with Dr. Bernard Donovan, acting superintendent of schools, and brought this problem to his attention. One of our proposals was that the students and teachers be given a choice of selecting the early sessions. Dr. Donovan agreed to make a thorough study of the situation.

We therefore request that you communicate immediately with Hon. James Donovan, President of the Board of Education, 110 Livingston Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Dr. Bernard Donovan, Acting Superintendent of Schools, 110 Livingston Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. and the Hon. Mayor Robert F. Wagner, City Hall, New York, N.Y., indicating to them that we cannot approve or stand idly by at attempts to alleviate the problems of one minority group at the expense of another.

Very truly yours,



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