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Mr. P. L. Bardin  
Bank of Georgia Building  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Bardin:

Re: Interim Report of the Local Education Commission

I have read the Commission's Interim Report with great interest and encouragement. One concludes that little question remains as to the need to move promptly toward consolidation of the Atlanta and Fulton County systems.

As I understand it, there is a great need to continue the work of the Commission during the coming year for the purpose of preparing appropriate legislation and making additional necessary studies.

Whatever might be proposed by this Commission must be of necessity presented to the Fulton and DeKalb legislative delegations. My experience has been that it is a mistake for legislation as complex as this, to be presented to the delegation within only a few days or weeks of the session. For that reason, I am writing not only to congratulate you and others upon this interim report, but to urgently call your attention to the absolute need to have legislation prepared well in advance of the next session.

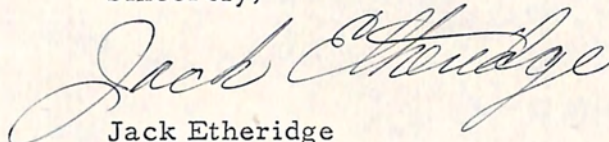
It would seem to me that unless the drafting of the appropriate legislation can be completed by at least September or October of this year, the Commission might well risk the loss of an entire additional year in seeing these statutes enacted. I am quite certain that you are conscious of this problem, yet as one who has had some experience in seeking to deal with legislation that is either hastily prepared or presented to the delegation at the eleventh hour, I feel it is important for all of the

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members of the Commission to be aware of this important consideration for the planning of the Commission's work.

Permit me to express to all those having a part in this important study my genuine appreciation.

Sincerely,



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cc: Members of the Local Education Commission