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Dr. John Letson, Superintendent  
Atlanta Public Schools  
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Dear John:

The Recreation Sub-Committee for the 1969 Youth Opportunity Program held a meeting on December 10 to begin the planning for the "Summer '69" program.

One of the topics discussed was better cooperation and synchronization of effort between the various public and private organizations participating in the "Summer '69" program.

More specifically, the Committee requested that the school systems participate in the various neighborhood discussions being held for the Youth Opportunity Council by the Citizens Advisory Committees of the E O A. These meetings are being held in order for citizens to discuss with operating agencies the types and kinds of programs desired for their neighborhoods.

Mr. Koth has agreed, with your approval, to discuss this matter with Area Superintendents and Principals, advising them that they will be invited to participate in the discussions of these area committees. An early involvement of school officials at all levels in the planning of the summer program is a desired goal of this year's campaign.

Knowing of your deep interest in the Youth Opportunity Program, I would appreciate your lending support by way of communication from your office to area superintendents and principals. Please urge them to be present or delegate some members of their staff to represent them at these area committee meetings.

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Mr. Duke Harrison, E O A representative, will request the area chairman to send invitations to the principals of schools in their particular areas.

The Parks Department, E O A Neighborhood Centers, The United Appeal Agencies and several other agencies will participate in these sessions.

The area committees will make their recommendations about activities, use of facilities, location of programs, and personnel selections to operating agencies, schools, churches, parks and recreation departments; as well as to the Youth Opportunity Council.

I shall be writing you later concerning funding resources from the school system to support the 1969 effort.

It is also my understanding that Mr. Koth will be making several recommendations to you concerning this program within the next few days.

I personally appreciate your cooperation in this effort to get an early start on the program for summer 1969.

With kindest personal regard, I am,

Sincerely yours,

*Clarence Elsas*

Clarence Elsas  
Chairman, Youth Opportunity  
Program 1969

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