

Dr. David S. Jordan,

President Indiana University:

Through local members of the University Board of Trustees, and from the proceedings of recent meetings of that Board, it has been understood that the Preparatory School, being small and a source of considerable expense to the University, is likely to be abandoned.

With this understanding, and without any wish to dictate or be officious, the Board of School Trustees of the City of Bloomington respectfully submit the following:

Under the present arrangement, neither the High School nor the Preparatory is able to attract as many students, or maintain so complete a course, or so efficient instruction, as would be possible with a good High School alone, in the interests of both the University and the local community.

The city schools are now very much overcrowded throughout the grades. More room and more teachers are imperative. And along with the improvement of the elementary schools, it is desired also, to re-organize, enlarge the teaching force and lengthen the curriculum of, the High School -- provided the counter influence, and the division of patronage and support, incident to the existence of the Preparatory School here, can be obviated.

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With this end in view, the Board of School Trustees of Bloomington, (in the event of the suspension of the Preparatory School), stand ready:

(1) To provide sufficient room and teachers to accommodate both resident and non-resident pupils who may wish secondary instruction either in a finishing or a preparatory school.

(2) To provide such instruction at reasonable rates of tuition, and on reasonable terms of admission and graduation.

(3) To arrange and maintain a course, that, while primarily adjusted to the wants of a High School for the people shall yet provide all needful preparatory instruction for admission to University classes.

(4) And to furnish this requisite room either (1) independently (by the erection of a new building), or (2) at the discretion of the School Board, by leasing the present Preparatory building, provided this may be effected on satisfactory terms as to time and rents.

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Secretary of the Board  
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