



EDWARD F. GILL
MAYOR

City of Woburn
Massachusetts

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

November 25, 1970

Mr. John J. Ryan, Jr.
City Clerk

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter received from Dr. Lamontagne, relative to terminating the use of schools for voting locations.

Obviously, the change in attitude of the State Department of Education has made the voting machines a hardship that conflicts with the school program.

I'd suggest a meeting with the School Department as soon as possible in an attempt to resolve the matter.

Very truly yours,

Edward F. Gill
Mayor

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November 17, 1970

Hon. Edward F. Gill
Office of the Mayor
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Dear Mayor Gill:

For a number of years the voting machines have been stationed at certain schools in the cafeteriums for primary and general elections.

This particular location is a very disruptive factor for the schools. In past years, a request has been made by this office of the State Department of Education for permission to dismiss children early from school on those days. For the past two years in accordance with the latest State mandate for minimal length of school day and minimal length of school year, the request has been denied.

Might I suggest some alternatives for your consideration:

1. That voting hours be suspended from 11:30 until 1:00 P.M. (So that the school lunch program can be continued).
2. That only those schools with facilities other than a cafeteria be used.
3. That portable trailers be utilized for voting in districts where schools do not have sufficient facilities.
4. That vacant city buildings be rented for polls - possibly a store or firm.

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I realize that this matter is not an easy one to resolve. Wherein time is now on our side, following the recent primary and general elections, we may be able to discuss a few possibilities which would work out well for all.

Might I hear from you. I know Miss Bertha Bane and Mr. Jerome Lynch could be very helpful in this matter.

Sincerely yours,


Charles W. Lamontagne, Ed. D.
Superintendent of Schools

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