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One of the basic arguments for bussing Jones School pupils is that segregation deprives the Negro child of adequate education. White children in such well equipped schools as Pattengill, for example, are now also deprived of a very basic educational opportunity - the opportunity to go to school with Negro children. Pattengill has no Negro child in regular classrooms. The white children will eventually grow up and take their places in society - a society in which the Negro will, we hope be considerably nearer to realizing his constitutional rights. Our children will live with Negro American, and if we are serious and honest about our constitutional and legislative commitments, they will share their rights and obligations with Negroes on an equal basis. Are we not therefore remiss in not preparing them for this future society by withholding from them now the experience of sharing some elementary rights and obligations in the classroom, and by preventing them now from a healthy and normal social contact with Negro children?

We who have children in Pattengill School wish to express our concern over this deprivation which our children now suffer, and hope that the administrative arrangements which are now being prepared will not continue to withhold from them the opportunity of social and educational contact with Negro children.

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