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The District of Columbia, in spite of its relatively high average per capita income and its relatively high median educational attainment level, faces serious problems in its public education system. Percentage-wise, the public schools have among the highest level of educationally disadvantaged and minority group children of any comparable jurisdiction in the country.

Moreover, as far as higher education is concerned, the District provides inadequate higher educational opportunities for those young people who have left high school. Even though we have a Federal City College and a vocational technical institute, they are grossly under-funded, and literally turn hundreds of students away because of inadequate funding.

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If I were to be the District Delegate, I would not take a position on internal education policies for the District. Those policies are already provided for by law. The District School Board is popularly elected, and, therefore, should set education policy. I will accept the positions of the School Board on policy and do everything in my power to make sure that the Congress gives proper consideration to those policies.

To be specific, I will work for the enactment of the budget recommended by the School Board, without regard to the modifications by the Mayor or the City Council who are not elected. I will work to mold Federal education legislation to insure that the problems of the schools are properly reflected. I will work on appropriation bills to make sure that the commitments of the Congress to the District become realities. And, finally, I now commit myself to whole-hearted support for programs to provide an equal educational opportunity for every citizen residing in the District of Columbia.

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