

Again, may I express my most sincere appreciation for the honor of having appeared before this distinguished body.

Chairman PERKINS. Thank you very much for your statement this morning.

Go ahead, Dr. Dodson.

Mr. DODSON. The next witness, Mr. Chairman, will be Sam V. Noe, superintendent of the Louisville City Schools.

Chairman PERKINS. Come around, Dr. Noe. We are glad to have you here again.

STATEMENT OF SAMUEL V. NOE, SUPERINTENDENT, LOUISVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS, LOUISVILLE, KY.

Mr. NOE. Mr. Chairman, distinguished members of this committee, I, too, am very grateful for this opportunity to appear before you and to offer testimony in behalf of the amendments to H.R. 6230 which are before you. Let me say, also, that we in the metropolitan area also have this same fine appreciation for the leadership of your chairman that Mr. Dodson expressed on behalf of Kentuckians and all sections of the state. When Carl Perkins Day was held up in eastern Kentucky we were very happy to have a delegation from Louisville to join with our friends in eastern Kentucky in honoring the person whom we have come to love as a very distinguished Kentuckian.

So, on behalf of 53,000 public school children and 4,500 employees in the Louisville school system, I want to express our very great appreciation to you and through you to the Congress for all the Federal assistance that we have been receiving. Because of this, we have been able to expand and initiate programs which would not have been possible otherwise. Through Federal grants, this year amounting to \$4,337,614, we feel that we have accepted a great responsibility for its proper use. To the best of our knowledge, all our programs are good, all have been helpful in giving added educational opportunities to thousands of handicapped youth.

We were exceedingly pleased, and we offer as an exhibit to you the paper which we have submitted to you that in our Courier Journal on Friday there is this headline "Federal Team Checks School Program. Use of Funds for Disadvantaged Children Praised." This came from a three-man team from the National Advisory Council for Education of Disadvantaged Children, who spent 2 days in our city looking at our programs.

I think you would expect me to say that as a result of our experience that none of these programs should be discontinued. The financial cuts which we received this year, we think, should be restored, and, also, I think you would expect a city superintendent to say that we need more.

We would add the endorsement to the statement that was made, and we were delighted to hear, Mr. Chairman, your statement about this, that appropriations should match authorizations and that they should be made with as much consideration as possible to the schools' fiscal year.

Now, in regard to my comments about the National Teacher Corps, I would say that our system, like I am sure many urban systems, has