

We respectfully urge that both Public Laws 874 and 815 be extended for several years in order that the school district may experience continuing stability in its general operations and building program. We hope, too, that funds may be available soon to start badly needed facilities eligible for reimbursement under Public Law 815.

A matter of concern to Clover Park is the need to extend Public Law 815 at it applies to the "B" category pupil, living off military property with a parent employed on a military property.

Of Clover Park's 8932 federally connected out of a total enrollment of 14,500. 3961 are "A" category and 4971 are "B" category enrollees. While "A" category legislation is permanent, the "B" category provision expires June 30, 1967.

"B" students, whose parents work in tax-exempt facilities do contribute an extra cost load on the school district. Though the home in which the student lives may contribute taxes, probabilities are particularly if there are several brothers and sisters of school age, that the house cannot provide sufficient taxes to make up for the school costs incurred from enrollment of the several children. Adequate local school tax revenues depend on privately owned, nonresidential property, industrial, retail, or other, not housing children.

I thank you very much, Mr. Ford and other members of the committee, for this opportunity to testify.

Mr. Rose. Mr. Ford, I would like to defer to you to present the gentleman from your great State of Michigan.

I might say that Dr. Simmons once was not in the position he is now in as deputy superintendent of one of the largest school systems in the United States but he was in school systems similar to ours and it has been very fine that he could have the tie-in with the other types of schools that now Mr. Simmons can give and we are very happy to have him with this group here.

Mr. Ford. I am very happy to welcome Dr. Simmons here and add when he was in the small but honest school districts, it was in my congressional district. Now that he has gone to the big city he has displayed a continuing interest in the neighboring small schools.

I might say that in my area it is not always popular to be cooperating with the big city of Detroit but in relation to schools, our cooperation has been excellent. This is largely because Dr. Simmons has taken to the Detroit school system an understanding of the smaller schools and suburban and rural areas surrounding a big city. We have a dialog established as a result of his efforts that leads us to support common causes. Sometimes I wonder how common they are when we get \$12 million for Wayne County and his school district gets \$11 million, and the other school district gets what is left over, but we are very happy to have Dr. Simmons back here.

He was with Dr. Drexler, our new superintendent, a few weeks ago and did not get the chance to testify.

Your statement is now being placed in the record by the unanimous consent of the members of the committee. I wonder if you would summarize it for us as quickly as possible because we want to adjourn in about 10 minutes.

(Dr. Simmons' statement follows:)