

Mr. DELLENBACK. You are still talking about that special vocational school rather than the public schools in Las Vegas at the moment?

Miss PARSONS. But that is a public school in Las Vegas.

Mr. DELLENBACK. You are not talking about the average public school?

Miss PARSONS. But they are going to move this program out of the vocational school out into all the Las Vegas high schools.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Are they on the verge of doing this?

Miss PARSONS. Yes, they are.

Mr. DELLENBACK. They are not dreaming of this sometime in the future?

Miss PARSONS. No, it is real.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Have you found any public school systems in the Nation as you have gone around where they have gone past the contemplation stage on this type point and have really taken the step? You make the point to my good friend from Wisconsin where there is an excellent school but it is not infectious, it has not moved out in the public school system.

You have touched in my State on Benson. It is not in my district, it is in Mrs. Green's district. But has it also moved into the public school system support or is it still just in Benson, this extraordinarily good program?

Miss PARSONS. Benson is a different program.

Mr. DELLENBACK. I recognize that.

Miss PARSONS. I did not go to any of the other Benson schools but the director of the vocational program at Benson said that they had a fairly strong trade and industry program in Portland. He gave it a fairly strong endorsement. I don't know about the Oregon program in vocational education.

Mr. DELLENBACK. May I add this one flash of light. I don't know that it will do much but it so happens that the former principal of Benson is now the State Superintendent of Public Instruction in the State of Oregon. So there is ability in interest in this which is now present at the State level and which should permeate, hopefully, the rest of the system.

Are you familiar with the proposal in 10682 for coordinators located in the public schools to find jobs for the graduates of the public schools with local private employers?

Miss PARSONS. Yes.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Would you have any comment to make on that program?

Miss PARSONS. I am totally in agreement with it. The American Institute of Research did a study, a quite exhaustive study of thousands of vocational students and asked them questions about how they got their first job and who helped them get the jobs and the lowest point on the scale was the school. Two percent of the school principals were ever any help. Something like 8 percent of the school guidance counselors were of any help. The students' own friends came up to something like 40 percent. Family, much heavier. Yet all the good schools I went to they have completely retooled much of that. One of the things they have done which I think is very good, the counselor is a needed over-all person and this is what I found these schools lacked. Even when they had good job entry for their students it was