Copy of Letter, 1956 November 21, [Fritz Marti] to Mrs. Mayne [Ruth D. Mayne]

Fritz Marti
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Dear Mrs. Mavne:

Our old friend, Monsignor Ryan, tells me the State Board of Education will meet December 10th in order to take action on Elementary School Standards.

My letter to Father Ryan may be serviceable in your files. I enclose a copy of it.

I am in favor of very high standards for teachers, all over the nation. I believe a deep reaching change in the attitude of parents is required in order to furnish both, the necessary funds and the requirement of scholarship and personality in the teaching profession. We cannot afford to go on treating teachers on a par with mailmen, firemen and policemen. They ought to rank with doctors, lawyers, and the best among the clergy, in education and in popular esteem. In order to obtain such standing, we can at least stress genuine scholarship, in writing requirements for teacher certification. Good examiners can readily and objectively ascertain scholarship. The evaluation of personality is more a matter of opinions. Credits in "Education" measure neither and prove almost nothing.

Most sincerely yours,