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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 21, 1976

MR. PRESIDENT:

Re: Article For Community Education Today

The attached article prepared by Fred Slight is to be published in Community Education Today. It has been cleared by Messrs. Cavanaugh, Barody, O'Neill, Quern and Lissy and Dave Gergen has reviewed it.

The deadline has been extended from Monday until today.

Please sign at bottom, if you approve.

Jim Connor

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

ARTICLE FOR COMMUNITY EDUCATION TODAY

October 21, 1976

I am very proud that the notion of community education was born in my home state of Michigan. Back in the 1930's, Flint, Michigan showed the rest of the country that schools can be used not just for educating children, but for educating citizens of all ages, for general recreation, and for bringing together all members of the community in productive activities.

Opening up the doors of the neighborhood school can provide needed services to parents who want guidance in raising their children, to the elderly who want to act as volunteers in schools, to adults seeking improved job skills, and to people of all ages looking for hobbies and recreation. Every neighborhood, regardless of size, has many potential students, volunteers, and tutors. Every community has a variety of agencies and organizations which provide services and offer advice to its citizens. And every neighborhood has at least one public school facility where these activities can be carried out. Community education can bring these resources together to enable schools to provide more services and to offer an opportunity for citizens to share their skills and knowledge with others.

In short, community education can greatly strengthen neighborhood schools, benefit the surrounding community and help us to use more completely and efficiently one of our most important public resources -- our local schools.

Gerald R. Ford

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WASHINGTON

October 21, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JIM CONNOR

FROM:

FRED SLIGHT

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