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Board Urged to Press Plans for University City School

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The Philadelphia Home and School Council yesterday urged the school board to press for a University City High School without delay.

In a letter to Richardson Dilworth, school board president, Mrs. David Q. Ewing, council president, wrote:

“Council is deeply disturbed with the obvious move to delete or delay construction of the Proposed University City High School.

Critical Need

“Not only are we aware of the critical need for a new high school in the University City area at the present time, but we are vitally concerned for the great numbers of children now in the lower grades who must find new educational facilities available in the near future.”

The school is being delayed by protests of residents in the seven acres bounded by Filbert, 36th and 37th sts. and Lancaster av. The board wants to condemn the site for the school.

But the residents cite a city agreement three years ago that they could rehabilitate the area under urban renewal plans.

Disputes Chamber Claims

The West Philadelphia Schools Committee yesterday sided with the residents, disputing claims of Thacher Longstreth, executive vice president [sic] of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, that the school would benefit Negro pupils.

Mrs. Helen Oakes, committee chairman, charged that because the school will specialize in science, Negroes would be turned away by high admission standards.

This, she charged, is inevitable because of the inferior education Negroes now receive in segregated schools.

