Dear:

The proposals to provide Federal aid for school construction take two forms. The first is an undertaking jointly by the Federal and State Governments to carry the debt service on bonds issued by school districts until they are able to stand on their feet.

The second is an out-right grant. The Bill presently on the Senate Calendar, S.8, calls for an outlay in grant form of five hundred million dollars for each of two years for this general purpose.

Of the two approaches to the problem, my interest is in that advanced by the present Administration to have this done on a loan basis by guaranteeing the interest and picking up the tab until the needy school district in question can provide for its own needs.

I apprehend that this will come on for action at an early date.

With every good wish,

Everett McKinley Dirksen