

girls upon girls. These things are really getting to the point where I feel the State must take a firm hand in indicating to the general community that we will not stand for this breakdown in discipline.

Now, there isn't any doubt to me that this problem is not only in the school system, nor that it transcends the school age child. It goes beyond that and includes the young adult. But there really isn't any place where we can deal with the problem as effectively as we can in the schools. Here is a general custodial situation where the people involved are regulated to some extent, and with the use of some imagination the problem there can be controlled completely.

I am asking Dr. Sensenbaugh, the State Superintendent of Schools, to give particular attention to this problem. I am also going to ask the police authorities throughout the State to cooperate with the school authorities when they receive word that assistance is needed.

Part of the problem has been a deferment of time in which the action should be taken. If we are going to put this kind of thing down, it has to be a unified effort and it has to be an effort that is going to be made promptly upon report of violation.

Now, there isn't any question in my mind that much can be done to alleviate these disciplinary problems. We as adults have the obligation of maintaining law and order — if you want to use that term — certainly maintaining order within our school system. I intend to see that we make every effort to stop these breakdowns in social behavior among our young people.

Questions and Answers

Q. Governor, at what stage is your investigation into the reports of the members of the Baltimore Police Department?

A. Well, I am not making any independent investigation. I received a report yesterday from the Police Commissioner of Baltimore City fully apprising me of the status of that investigation. I cannot comment on it for the obvious reason that it may prejudice the investigation.

Q. Governor, you said Senator Dorf presented you with some documented evidence. Did he convince you that there is drug abuse at all at Pimlico Junior High School?

A. He convinced me that there is certainly enough information to lead to a conclusion that all is not well in this regard. I don't know whether there is sufficient information upon which prosecutions could be based, but I do know that he has made this information available