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RESOLUTION PASSED AT PUBLIC MEETING.  
Convened by His Worship the Mayor of  
Durban held on 4th Feb. 1948 at the  
Kathiawad Hall.

This public meeting of the citizens of Durban at the Kathiawad Hindu Seva Samaj Hall on the 9th Feb. 1948 convened by his Worship the Mayor of Durban Mr. L.L. Boyd having reviewed the position in regard to Indian Education in Natal and having given careful consideration to the critical problem of the acute shortage of primary and secondary school accommodation for Indian children resolves :

(1) that the Provincial Administration whose sole responsibility it is to provide for Indian education in Natal, be requested to adopt a definite, clearly-stated practical plan for the building of primary and high schools in Natal for the accommodation of Indian children of whom nearly thirty thousand are presently without school accommodation.

(2) that in order to meet the immediate crisis facing the school going population of Durban and District, the Provincial Council

(a) procures a High school site within the City or at a reasonable distance of the City, and commences building immediately to house the 283 students refused admission at S. Sri College at the beginning of this year and those who will be eligible for secondary education next year.

(b) negotiates with the Minister of Defence and the Defence authorities for the procurement of military huts to be erected alongside existing schools for the purpose of immediately accommodating infant classes.

(c) grants its permission to a few of the large primary schools in Durban to conduct Junior Certificate classes until such time as alternative accommodation is made available for this purpose.

(d) initiates the platoon system for infant classes in all primary schools where the pressure of new pupils is great.

(e) considers the advisability of adopting either of the following suggestions :

- (i) the staggering of school days so that two schools may run where one is being run now. or
- (ii) the adoption of a platoon system for other than infant classes to achieve the same object.

(3) that the following be elected in a deputation to interview His Honour, the Administrator and to make representations in accordance therewith :-

His Worship the Mayor or his Deputy,  
Dr. Mabel Palmer,  
Mr. S. Coopan.  
Mr. B.D. Lulla,  
Mr. A.I. Meer,  
Mr. J.N. Singh,  
Mr. N.S. Davshi,  
Mr. A.E. Shaikh,  
Mr. M.D. Naidoo,  
Mr. V.S. Naidoo,  
Mrs. M.B. Lavoipierre.

Moved: Dr. Mabel Palmer.

Seconded : Mr. J.N. Singh.