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Carnegie Corporation of New York
Office of Grants Operations
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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

In the past several months, I have become acutely aware of the fate of Harlem's only high school.

Because Harlem Preparatory School, Inc. operates separately from the New York City Schools, it is disqualified from receiving funds under the elementary and Secondary Education Act for children of low-income families.

As a last resort, if all other supports fail to materialize, Harlem Prep will be forced to join the troubled New York City public school system -- a dubious step requiring conformity. Such a submission to the New York City system will destroy everything that Harlem Prep has achieved in its six progressive years.

Harlem Prep is not a school which can be shoved into the rigid confines of a public school system because its student body is atypical. This high school has the remarkable capability of redirecting "dropouts" back to education.

I am assisting Harlem Prep in its search for private emergency funding in order that Harlem Prep can survive another year. Harlem Prep School is in the process of working out an agreement with the State Board of Education. Under this agreement, Harlem Prep would be entitled to financial assistance for innovative education. However, even this possibility for funding would not be available until the next school year (1974-75).

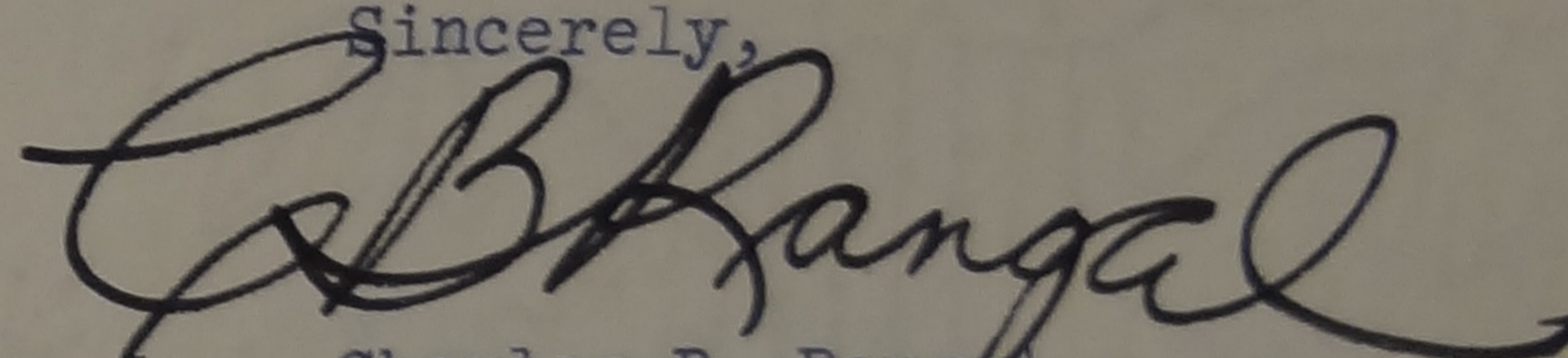
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With the Carnegie Corporation's generous gift six years ago, Harlem Prep was born. This distinctive school began with 49 students and has grown to 650. In addition, Harlem Prep has graduated more than 500 young men and women to many of the nation's finest universities. Those who receive their college degrees are obligated to return to Harlem and serve their troubled community.

As a citizen of Harlem, I urge your consideration to provide the financial support essential at this hour. Harlem Prep is no longer an experiment in ghetto education. It is an overwhelming success -- a reality.

Harlem Prep school has taken those who have shunned their previous high school experience and instilled in them fresh motivation to learn. I feel sure that you and your organization will agree with me that Harlem Prep has earned the right to survive.

Sincerely,



Charles B. Rangel
Member of Congress

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