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STATE OF OHIO  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
COLUMBUS 15

E. E. HOLT  
SUPERINTENDENT OF  
PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

April 12, 1961

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Mr. Walter Lewis, Jr., Chairman  
Dayton Private School Foundation  
Trearne Farm  
Upper Waynesville Road  
Lebanon, Ohio

Dear Mr. Lewis:

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It was our privilege on April 10, 1961, as a representative of the State Department of Education, to visit the Marti School. Following is our report to you and to the proper school authorities.

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This private six-year high school is conducted in a two-year old building on the Marti Farm on Munger Road, in the West Carrollton School District, about two miles north of the village. The building, a large housing unit secured from Wright Patterson Air Force Base, has been carefully remodelled and is adapted admirably to the peculiar needs of this small private school. The rooms are attractively decorated, floors are of asphalt tile, toilet facilities are adequate, lighting is satisfactory, and the water supply apparently adequate. Custodial services are performed by the students themselves, and appear to be satisfactory. In addition to four classrooms, there is a library and a large study-hall-assembly room that is also used for physical education when weather does not permit going out-of-doors. The site, about one acre, is a large hill-side field, several hundred yards south of the Marti residence.

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The purpose of this school is entirely college preparatory, with especial emphasis on preparation for college board examinations and other college aptitude and scholarship tests and examinations. Curricular offerings reflect this purpose, with strong emphasis on foreign languages, social sciences, mathematics, and English. Instruction in the physical and biological sciences is limited by lack of adequate laboratory facilities and equipment. General science and biology are offered each year; chemistry every other year; physics not at all, although arrangements have been made with the nearby Centerville High School (Washington Twp.) to accept occasional students in this field. Minimum Requirements for physical education are met by instruction two periods weekly and emphasis on individual sports rather than team game sports. No formal course in health education is given. (Standard XIV-d)

The school library of approximately 1100 volumes is supplemented by access to the private library of the Marti family. There is need for an up-to-date encyclopedia and addition of up-to-date general reference books in all areas. The teacher assigned to direction of the library has no professional library training. Provision is being made this year for the expenditure of at least \$200 for additional library books.

Because of the small enrollment, presently 37, and small class size, much individual instruction is given, and tutorial type teaching is done. On the basis of the success of the graduates of this school in scoring well on college board examinations and the various aptitude tests, and in securing scholarships, it would appear that the instructional program is satisfactory.

The length of the school year and the duration of the school day meet the requirements of the minimum Standards for Ohio High School and equal or exceed those of the district of West Carrollton in which the school is located. We note, however, that only six 42 minute periods per week are provided for chemistry, seven being required by Standards, and only five periods of art for one unit of credit, whereas ten are required.

Written study guides have not been prepared for each area of instruction, although continual discussion, study, and revision are being carried on by the entire staff. The educational program presently lacks provision for a fifth unit of English as required by Standard IV-b, as well as any offering in music. While the study of Ohio history is included in the 8th grade course in American history, there remains a question as to whether or not this meets the requirements of House Bill No. 76 (Revised Code 3313.60).

We note that two teachers do not hold certificates for either the public school or non-tax supported schools. All other teachers are properly certificated and are well prepared in the fields to which they have been assigned.

In order to comply with the requirements of Section 3312.21 of the Revised Code, it will be necessary for the authorities of this school to report the registration of all pupils to the district of their residence at the beginning of each school year, or at the time of entry, with date of entry, birthdate, age, residence, and parents' name. Monthly attendance reporting to each district will be necessary, with dates of entry and withdrawal for those who enter or withdraw during the current reporting period.

We note that pupils are enrolled in this school from each of the following districts: Oakwood City; Kettering City; Yellow Springs Exempted Village; Dayton City; Fairborn City; Lebanon Exempted Village; Franklin City; West Carrollton Exempted Village; and Washington Twp., Montgomery County.

An evaluation of this school indicates that the following minimum Ohio High School Standards are not fully met:

<u>Standard</u>	<u>Section</u>
II	a, g
IV	a, b, c, d
VIII	e (physical sciences)
IX	b, d
XII	b
XIII	e (chemistry, art)
XIV	d
XVII	b