

9 December 1983

Policy Unit

Prime Minister

Agree to support  
Sir Keith's proposals?

PRIME MINISTER

MAKING SCHOOLS BETTER

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Our earlier comments were too pessimistic. Keith has come up with a genuinely exciting list of proposals (which Oliver Letwin has had a good deal to do with).

The important thing is to build on the splendid possibilities suggested in Keith's minute and not let them be eroded by the quibbles already surfacing in the officials' note.

We shall give you a detailed analysis later. But for the moment, we believe that the first step is to give Keith the most wholehearted backing.

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Very exciting

- full support

- don't let dept

water down your  
excellent proposals

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most grateful  
plan is very  
exciting, adding  
in Feb 1984

See  
minute  
attached.

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10 DOWNING STREET

*From the Private Secretary*

12 December, 1983

MAKING SCHOOLS BETTER

The Prime Minister was very grateful for your Secretary of State's minute of 9 December on "Making Schools Better".

The Prime Minister considers that the policies set out in that minute are very exciting, and they have her full support.

(David Barclay)

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