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April 14, 1942.

Mr. George Ekdahl,
Lincoln School,
Highland Park, Ill.

Dear Mr. Ekdahl:

In reply to your letter of April 11, concerning the height of baskets in your gymnasium, may I say that it has been my practice to recommend 8 feet for children of grade school age, 9 feet for junior high, 10 feet for high school.

In the January, 1942, issue of the Journal of Health and Physical Education there is an article written by Jack Matthews, of the University of Missouri, entitled "Lower the Baskets". You might be interested in his presentation.

My recommendation, however, would be of a general nature, because the particular locality or community might call for a specific type and height of basket. I would suggest that if at all possible you make your baskets adjustable so that you could raise or lower them without a great deal of difficulty. It would be a rather simple thing to fix the backboards in this fashion, and I do not believe it would be very expensive.

I would suggest, also, that you use the fan-shaped backboards. All the waste space has been taken off this new backboard, and the visibility for the spectators is much greater.

If I can be of any further assistance, I trust you will write me again.

Sincerely yours,

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Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

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