



DIRT DON'T BURN
A Community Celebration for Equal Education
November 10, 2018 from 12:30-4:00 at Douglass School
407 E Market St, Leesburg

Prelude – Banneker E.S. (Middleburg) students. Welcome kits are also handed out.

Presentation of the Flags by Scout troop.

Invocation – Pastor Carlos Lawson, Prosperity Baptist Church.

Welcome – Sherri Simmons, Assistant Principal, Douglass School – historical significance of Douglass.

The importance of the Edwin Washington Project to LCPS. Dr. Eric Williams, Superintendent.

Education Matters for a Civil Society from the perspective of a politician and educator. Kelly Burk, Leesburg Mayor.

Black History Research Matters – Phyllis Randall, Chair of Loudoun County Board of Supervisors.

Edwin Washington Project briefing – Larry Roeder – who was Edwin Washington – and what was the courageous story of African American education during segregation? What has the project been doing to preserve this particular history?

Songs of the Era

Petitions for a Better Life – A Hidden Loudoun Treasure

- Delores Grigsby - Petitions by African-Americans.
- Dave Prebich - Petitions by White parents

What the records tell us about Civil Rights during segregation and what societies and generations should avoid in the future. – Tony Arciero, PhD Candidate in Education, George Mason University.

The connection between schooling and African American Veterans from Loudoun County – Reggie Simms.

Teaching and Student Experiences During Segregation - Stories from personal experiences that show the interconnection of family and educators in Black society. – Gert Evans.

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Website, database, and technology plans for 2019 –Julie Goforth. Showing how our research can be accessed and a plan to partner with all of the local history and preservation clubs, as well as historical churches, for mutual benefit.

Map Application showing historical schools and transportation routes -- Maddy Gold, Chief Cartographer.

What's Next in 2019? – Larry Roeder We will need volunteers and funding as we continue to study Loudoun's experiences, interview people and incorporate neighboring counties. Introduction to **Courageous Conversations**.

Music. Catoctin School of Music

Music: Randy Ihara, "Ain't You Got A Right?" an audience participation song from the Georgia Sea Islands.

Benediction: Pastor Carlos Lawson, Prosperity Baptist Church

Refreshments and Courageous Conversations – Guests move from chairs to tables. – Time for talking to each other about the days of segregation. At each table will be posted a volunteer from the project to help focus the conversation on.

- Why is understanding segregation important, especially in a global environment where segregation or prejudice based on tribe, religion and other factors still persists.
- Understanding how pupils and teachers went to school and the conditions they faced.
- **One table reserved for Reggie Simms** to speak about African-Americans in the Military.
- **One table reserved for Pastor Michelle Thomas**, to discuss her cemetery project

4:00 Close and clean-up