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Mr. C. H. Houston
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At the meeting of the School Board on April 19th resolutions were adopted as follows:

"Whereas, the colored citizens of the county for themselves and through their attorney, C. H. Houston have made repeated requests for improved high school and transportation facilities for the year 1940-41.

Therefore, Be It Resolved: That the Board of Supervisors be hereby requested to make a further supplementary appropriation as follows:

2 high school teachers	1,500
Conditioning building	500
Laboratory equipment	300
Home economics equipment	300
Furniture	400
Transportation	<u>1,500</u>

Total for colored \$4,500

provided that in case a ruling of the attorney general of Virginia will permit the use of increased state funds for additional teachers then this supplementary request for colored school facilities shall be for \$3,000."

Let me suggest that the members of the school board have a very earnest desire to improve the educational facilities for colored children in this county. We have a good many financial limitations at the present time.

So I stated at the meeting on April 9th I suggest that our request in this matter will need to be presented

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to the board of supervisors April 22 and the school board should then have an opportunity at their meeting on May 14th to make definite decisions. While this may appear to you to delay this situation considerably yet the school board has customarily refrained in most cases from assuming definite financial obligations until after the appropriations shall have been fixed by the board of supervisors.

Very sincerely yours,

Division Superintendent.

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