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Mr. Oscar L. Emerick  
District Superintendent  
Public Schools  
Loudoun County  
Leesburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Emerick:

My services have been enlisted on behalf of the County Wide League and certain parents and patrons of the Loudoun County Schools to obtain equal educational opportunities for Negro children in the public schools of Loudoun County. With the idea of settling the matter amicably if possible, I am hereby requesting an interview with you in your office in Leesburg March 12, 1940 and am also writing Mr. William T. Smith, Chairman of the County Board of Education for permission to address the Board at its meeting the same day. I believe that when I show you and the Board the legal complications of discrimination against Negroes, including direct personal liability in damages on the part of the Superintendent and Board members, you will be persuaded to equalize educational opportunities for Negroes without further action.

The County Wide League and the parents and patrons desire to cooperate with you in every possible manner consistent with obtaining their constitutional rights.

I enclose herewith copy of my letter to Mr. Smith.

Yours very truly,

*Charles H. Houston*

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