

May 14, 1951

Mr. Edwin C. Brown
1200 Cameron Street
Alexandria, Virginia

Dear Mr. Brown:

I have your letter of the 9th of May in reference to the sanitation of the toilets at the Douglass Elementary School.

Our school board has appointed a committee with instructions to make definite recommendations in reference to this improvement. I think that you can be assured that the condition will be remedied before schools open next fall.

The problem is a rather difficult one for the reason that our program of school construction provides for a new school building on a new site to accommodate these children and those at the Waterford, Ashburn and Mt. Gap Schools.

Of course, if you institute suit in Federal Court the school board will be inclined to use funds that might be made available to make the improvements to defend itself in the courts, and while it might not change the outcome, it would of course cause a delay.

This matter will be presented to our school board at its next meeting on June 12.

I would suggest before you file suit that you come up here and talk to the school board about this matter, as it is their purpose and intention to improve the situation at this school.

Very sincerely yours,

O. L. Emerick
Division Superintendent

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