

Special Memorandum Relating to The Salaries
of Colored Teachers

At its meeting on November 12th the School Board discussed at some length the adjustment of the salaries of colored teachers to the basis of a single salary schedule for white and colored teachers. With the approval of the school board the superintendent discussed the problem with the colored teachers at a recent meeting.

At its meeting on December 10th the school board had before it identical petitions signed by the colored teachers, the County Wide League, the Leesburg P. T. A., and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People-Loudoun County Branch asking that the salaries of colored teachers be placed upon the same basis as those of white teachers.

At this meeting the school board also had before it a copy of an opinion rendered by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, Fourth District growing out of a suit instituted in the City of Norfolk against the Norfolk City School Board by the colored teachers praying for salaries equal to those of white teachers and also an opinion of Attorney General Staples of Virginia. Both of these hold the opinion that there can be no distinction made in the salaries of teachers on account of race or color.

Our school board can not make a binding agreement for any year until the appropriation for that year has been made and its resolution merely outlines a proposed plan of action because it can go no further now.