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\$600,000 In Negro School Plans OKed

Consolidation Into 3 Urged by Survey

A \$600,000 building program for Negro schools in the county is being planned by the school board with the approval of the county supervisors.

If the school board is able to secure Literary Loans for proposed additions to buildings, all Negro elementary schools will be consolidated into three schools, Carver, Banneker and Douglass.

Douglass High will also benefit from the program.

The supervisors Monday approved the school board's re-

School Survey

The Times-Mirror this week publishes the text of a survey of all the schools in Loudoun, condensed from the report of a committee appointed by the State. See Page A-7

quest to apply to the State Literary Loan fund for an amount not exceeding \$315,000 for improvements to Negro schools.

The school board already has borrowed \$260,000 for the new Douglass elementary school now under construction.

Chairman James W. Ashton asked the supervisors to consider the consolidation of all Negro elementary schools into three-grade schools, Carver, Banneker and Douglass.

Ashton pointed out that Loudoun is now paying between \$30,000 and \$40,000 in tuition fees yearly to Fairfax county for the 121 colored children at Oak Grove. These would be brought back to Loudoun under the consolidated plan and the tuition fees would be saved.

Proposed improvements, based on a recent school survey, include four additional rooms at Douglass elementary at a cost of not more than \$65,000, two additional rooms at Banneker for not more than \$50,000 and \$200,000 for an auditorium, cafeteria and modern shop at Douglass High.

As Douglass elementary is now planned, there are eight class rooms. Four more are to be added.
