



## THE EDWIN WASHINGTON PROJECT

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Dear **Guillermo and Sarah,**

I hope you are finding our support for organized labor at Loudoun Democrats useful. I've especially found helping the workers at Dulles very rewarding. I often speak about how what the unions are doing for the workers is in the best tradition of the American labor movement. We certainly plan to do everything we can to continue to support the cause and look forward to working with you over the coming year.

I would also like to ask your assistance for a 501©(3) project that accept donations under the name Edwin Washington Project . Our goal is to document the impact of segregated education on African-Americans in Loudoun; but the name of the non-profit, of which I'm President, is Diversity Fairs of Virginia. The EIN is 47-1765605. The address to send contributions is Edwin Washington Project, 26128 Talamore Drive, South Riding, Va. 20152.

Now that the end of the year is coming upon us, I am hoping that you will consider a donation, perhaps on the order of \$500. Funds go to material used to preserve our records and actual research, making sure that the history of Black education in Loudoun is never lost. There is a lot going on.

The basic goal is to identify all of the "colored" schools in Loudoun from 1865 to 1968, who attended them, who instructed in them, what the students learned and to compare white vs black education. At the suggestion of the NAACP, we would like to extend this to other neighboring counties as well, in cooperation with local Black History clubs. We are also consulting with academics on how to use lessons learned from this exercise to argue against segregation in other countries.

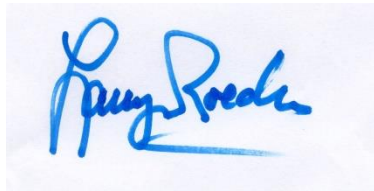
2017 was a very busy year. Thanks to a donor who provided us a high end scanner, we have made significant progress scanning school records and anticipate completing that project by mid-2018. We also began identifying which textbooks were used in "colored"

and white schools, briefed many communities in Loudoun and have begun an analysis of the impact of segregated education on African-Americans. In addition, we interviewed many people who either taught or studied in the “colored” schools and have made much progress identifying where the schools were, which is not always clear from the records. This includes doing an expedition in order to find the ruins of the old Bluemont Colored School. We had to use an army compass for that exercise.

We need to buy more archival boxes for old records and books. In addition, we are examining all of the old schools, which requires a lot of gas. Records directly related to “colored” schools in Loudoun are in the archives of Swarthmore in Pennsylvania, as they relate to Quaker assistance, so we need funds to cover our travel at US government per diem rates. There are also records at Virginia State University. We also need to continue digital preservation of all of the records so that if a fire ever happened, this history will never be lost.

Your donation will be deeply felt. I hope you will be able to assist us.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Larry Roeder". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L" and "R".

Larry Roeder, MS  
Principal Investigator