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Dear Mr. Emerick:

At Aldie last week, if our memory is correct, you made the statement that not one of our five county highschoools matches the standards for first (?) class high schools set up by the State Board of Education. Besides this, not one of the five enjoys a curriculum which can prepare a student for entrance in the best accredited colleges.

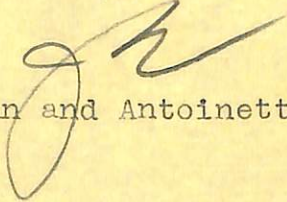
The statement has provoked two questions in our minds: (1) What are the desirable standards set up by the State for a first rate school; what curricula requirements are asked by the better colleges? (2) how big a school budget would be required to give Loudoun County at least two first rate high schools?

Answers to these questions, stated in any but the most vague or general terms, would probably put a great burden on you. Our purpose in asking the questions is to arrive at some idea of the goal toward which, our paper editorially and county groups actively, may strive.

If the questions are too big an order, please let us know. We can appreciate the likelihood of your being too busy to take time to write answers to such questions as these.

The Aldie meeting left us with one major regret: that nothing that we heard indicated happiness that in the matter of salaries, at least, Loudoun has taken strides forward. We wish that someone had recalled that Fairfax entered the school year with at least 30 teacher vacancies.

Sincerely, Best Wishes,



John and Antoinette Eisenhard