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Mr. O.L. Emerick,
District Superintendent,
Loudoun County Public Schools,
Leesburg, Virginia.

Dear Mr. Emerick:

Word reaches me in Washington that the Loudoun County Board of Education has recommended to the Board of Supervisors an application for a loan from the state literary fund of \$78,000.00, of which \$40,000.00 is to be allocated to building a new high school for Negroes on the site which the Negro citizens are now buying out of their own funds; but that the Board of Education made no recommendation for increased transportation for Negro children.

1. I wish to express my appreciation to the Board for its action in requesting a loan from the literary fund. But I wish on behalf of the County-Wide League and the Parent-Teachers Association to point out that we are advised that the literary loan fund income is exhausted, that no applications for loans are now being received, and that it may be a year or eighteen months before any more loans will be made. Even then there is no assurance that the Loudoun County application, if made, will be granted, because we do not know what applications are ahead of the Loudoun County application, or for how much. That puts a new high school off to 1942 at the earliest, so far as present prospects of a loan from the literary fund are concerned.

That does not obviously answer or meet the needs for better high school education now. It does not answer the risk which Negro high school students run everyday in attending school on the second floor of the Loudoun County Training School Building, where the window opening on the fire escape does not even have sash cords, and the oil soaked floor and open oil drum under the steps leading to the second floor constitute a veritable death trap in case of fire. Parents who have children attending the present high school cannot wait until 1942 to have conditions cleaned up. White parents would not tolerate such conditions --they would not have to. And I must repeat what I said to the Board of Education that Negro parents love their children just as much as white parents love theirs.

I have advised my clients that in my judgment you and the Board of Education can be enjoined from continuing to hold school in a building dangerous to life and limb, and that they are entitled to call on you and the Board of Education to see