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school building which is a very hazardous structure so far as fire is concerned, should be abandoned at the very earliest time possible.

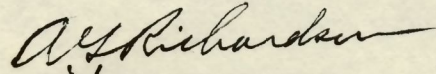
I promised to let you know what is being done in the way of offering vocational programs to Negroes in the neighboring counties. The Rosenwald High School in Warrenton and the Manassas Industrial Institute in Manassas both offer vocational agriculture, a general shop program, and home economics. I think you and members of your board should visit these schools to see the splendid work which is being accomplished. You will receive a great many practicable suggestions for your own proposed school through such a visit. In your particular situation, however, I recommend that the high school program be developed to include the following offerings:

English	4 units
Social Studies	4 units
Science	2 units
Mathematics	2 units
Foreign Language	2 units
Home Economics	3 units
General Shop	3 units
Physical Education	
Music	

I do hope that you can get your building program under way as soon as possible. Please rest assured that the members of the staff of the State Department of Education are willing and ready to help you go forward with this program. May I further suggest that you contact Miss Martha Creighton and Dr. B. H. VanOot with regard to securing financial aid for your vocational offerings.

Thank you very much for allowing me to make these suggestions.

Sincerely yours,



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