

7. In case of accidents, which undoubtedly will occur, a physician could not be reached immediately, neither could the proper first aid be administered because of the lack of clinical facilities.
8. The inhabitants of St. Louis are less progressive and less community conscious than those of Middleburg. Consequently, cooperation will be inadequate and inefficient.
9. Building such a school in St. Louis would not improve the panorama of our colored and white citizens. This should be one of our ultimate objectives, especially in this atomic age.
10. A building of such anticipated magnitude and architecture should be within the range of sightseers. Therefore, it should be definitely located, if not on, near a macadam road. Such an execution of contemplation and democratic principle shall, without the shadow of a doubt, reverberate in the hearts of all Negroes.
11. Middleburg has always been the leading centre of the surrounding communities for Negroes. It possesses leadership, wealth, progressiveness, and potentialities.
12. St. Louis has always presented a problem in the boarding of teachers --- the homes are limited and are without modern conveniences. The situation will be more perplexing with an increased staff. No one knows any better than you the difficulty in obtaining and retaining qualified teachers, particularly at so critical a time. Hence, we should at least attempt to make the surroundings pleasant for those who are here, those who are to come, and those who will stay.

In short, we Negroes with broad minds and considerable forethought are desirous not only to facilitate improvement of ourselves alone, but for our white brethren as well. It must be borne in mind that a community cannot progress adequately half weak and half strong. We should be able to produce the same impact alike though it may be on opposite sides of the fence.

Now that we have presented our points of view we beg to offer an alternative site --- Mr. William N. Hall's plot of ground at Maxville which is still available. We understand that the price is far beyond the Board's intended expenditure. However, realizing what it would mean to our race and posterity we have committed ourselves to reimburse Mr. Hall the deficit should you and the other members of the Board be so gracious as to grant us our request and conclude the deal.

Conclusively, we, the undersigned patrons, citizens and taxpayers, petition you to reconsider the proposed site and substitute Mr. Hall's plot. Furthermore, we trust that you may be sufficiently open-minded to visualize our predicament as a race to extend to us due consideration and to make such consideration possible.

We wish to express our grateful thanks for your immediate action.