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Mr. Chairman, Superintendent Emerick, Members of the Loudoun County School Board:

We the Citizens Committee, have been appointed by the County-Wide League to, again, bring to your attention some of the many inconveniences now existing at the Douglass High School, and which has existed for a number of years.

The aim of any school is to provide the opportunity for the greatest possible development of the child as an individual and as a member of society. Fundamentally, the educational program results in improvement in opportunities, ideals, and general conduct of the learner and in their efforts to select and engage in some useful occupation with sufficient success to insure security and peace.

To accomplish these objectives, it is very essential that the school plant be adequate. The school plant in a great measure, determines the courses which are taught, the teaching materials which are used, the quality of the teachers who are employed, and the extent to which the general atmosphere of the school is conducive to learning.

We believe that you will agree with the above point of view. However, in 1948, and again in 1950 we brought to your attention many negative conditions which prohibited Douglass High School from satisfying this point of view. We have come to the point now where something must be done in the very near future, if this school is to retain its present rating of the State Board of Education.