

the deplorable conditions existing at Grant School --- the type of building; the overcrowding, the physical and mental overwork of the teachers, and the unsatisfactory personal help that can be given to individual children, we, as a group, beg that you take cognizance of the following proposals:-

1. That a new building be constructed sufficiently adequate to meet the needs and to continue in operation until such time it becomes obsolete, for
  - a. The present one is a fire hazard.
  - b. It lacks kitchen facilities to make possible the required hot lunches.
  - c. It is a poor representative school of the County.
  - d. It has been in existence over 60 years and is now obsolete.
2. Or, a new building be constructed adequately large enough for consolidation of the school of Middleburg and the neighboring schools of St. Louis, Willisville, Bull Run, and Marble Quarry with bus facilities.

In view of the fact we anticipate your informing us that a school cannot be built at this time because of the scarcity of building material and of priority, may we say that we are aware of the fact that all Boards of Education have such priority. Schools are being built today. It must be borne in mind that education, and more so proper education, is as important as ammunition on the battlefield.

We are writing this letter not with any selfish motive but rather, asking for that which is rightfully ours. We wish to inspire our children to higher standards in order that they may be a credit not only to their community, but also to their County, their Country and to their Race. Consequently, we, as a group forming a solid phalanx, do implore upon your good judgment and foresight to grant us our request.

Hoping that this will suffice, as heretofore communications have meant nothing.

Sincerely yours,

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