

PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION
AND
COMMUNITY LEAGUE
Grant School
Middleburg, Virginia

February 6, 1946

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

Dear Mr. Emerick:

At our regular meeting held on February 4, 1946, your recent letter written to Dr. Edmead, chairman of our building site committee, was read. Indeed, it made us more informative than we had been before. Nevertheless, it was rather shocking to us to learn of your definite decision.

We had been impressed with the fact, as conveyed by you, that our committee would have been informed voluntarily without having had to write to you. You, of course, evaded this point of the agreement.

In addition, at our last gathering at the School Board meeting we had been informed that a plot of land could have been obtained definitely from Mr. William N. Hall at Maxville and that, were we satisfied with this location it would be a foregone conclusion. We definitely agreed to the proposal. Consequently, with your contrary decision and action we are undoubtedly disappointed.

We feel certain that you have taken cognizance of the many disadvantages of the selection of a site in St. Louis. At any rate, may we have the pleasure and opportunity to point out, as we see them, some of the many disadvantages of constructing a school in St. Louis rather than in Middleburg:-

1. St. Louis roads are unsatisfactory, and during some winter months they are impassable.
2. The land selected is swampy and will require extensive drainage. In short, all lands in St. Louis present this feature.
3. St. Louis lacks all of the conveniences of stores, theatre, and denominational churches.
4. St. Louis lacks Negro leadership and Negro wealth.
5. St. Louis will not attract much patronage in case of school functions and activities.
6. In any school neighborhood there should be conducive surroundings so as to offset the decoy of youngsters. St. Louis does not present this qualification.