

January 17, 1945

Mrs. Mildred Jackson, Pres.
Parent Teachers Association
Middleburg, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Jackson:

I have a communication dated January 16, 1945 in which it is stated that the action of the School Board in providing for the additional school in Middleburg in a rented room has been rejected by your PTA. The former communication from your PTA signed by a number of parents and transmitted to me by Mrs. Melvina Beal, Secretary, requested "another room".

We have assumed that another room would mean another teacher also would have to be provided. This was done as promptly as possible. ~~I am opposed to~~

I am opposed to building an addition to the old building at Middleburg but I am in favor of building a new building as soon as it is reasonable to do so. May I point out that your communication dated January 16th is the first one that in my knowledge has come to us in which you have suggested or requested a new building.

In normal times the construction of a new school building of the type that would be required at Middleburg necessitates a great deal of planning.

The first step would have to be the location, selection and purchase of a suitable school lot.

The second step would have to be the preparation of plans.

The third step would have to be applying for a priority. Under present conditions my information and knowledge is that we could expect this to be promptly refused by the War Production Board.

The fourth step would be a careful calculation of the cost of the building and equipment and the securing of the necessary funds.

I want to suggest that with a reasonable amount of cooperation from your people we ought to begin at an early date to make preparation for a new school building at Middleburg.