

REGION I of STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S ADVISORY COUNCIL

DECEMBER 14, 1955

TO: Superintendents of Schools, and Editors of Virginia Weekly Newspapers  
Addressed

At the direction of the Superintendents of Schools in Region I the following resolution is being sent to all Superintendents of Schools in the State for their information and use as they see fit, and released to all Virginia Weekly newspapers for publication.

There are seventeen school divisions in this area. Superintendents from twelve of the divisions were present at a meeting in Farmville, Virginia, December 12, 1955 and adopted unanimously the following resolution:

"We, the Superintendents of School Divisions in Region One of the State Superintendent's Advisory Council, which also includes District D and a part of District C of the Virginia Education Association, in regular session December 12, 1955, hereby record ourselves as being in favor of the Limited Constitutional Convention to ammend Section 141 of the Constitution of Virginia and urge the citizens of Virginia to support and vote for this Limited Constitutional Convention because we are convinced that this action is essential to the preservation of the Virginia Public School System.

"The proposed ammendment, as well as Section 67 of the Constitution of Virginia, definitely prohibits the use of public funds in sectarian schools and firmly maintains the accepted principle of the 'Separation of church and state'.

"We are further convinced that the General Assembly of Virginia is dedicated, as indicated by their action and through published statements of their individual members, to the preservation of the Public School System of Virginia and to the continuance of the essential aspects of the Compulsory School Attendance Law".

Division Superintendents present and voting for the resolution: C. M. Bussinger of Nottoway-Amelia, T. J. McIlwaine of Prince Edward-Cumberland, M. F. Fears of Lunenburg, A. B. Haga of Mecklenburg, B. F. Walton of Brunswick, W. A. Scarborough of Dinwiddie, T. D. Foster of Sussex, C.W. Smith of Hopewell-Prince George, J. D. Meade of Petersburg, F. D. Thompson of Chesterfield-Colonial Heights, C. E. Davis of Henrico, and J. S. Caldwell of Powhatan.

Division Superintendents absent from the meeting: D. B. Webb of Hanover, E. R. Reidel of Greensville, A. W. Kay of Goochland, M. B. Joyner of Surry, and H. I. Willett of Richmond City.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lawrenceville, Virginia