

# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

OF LOUDOUN COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Attention: Mr. Emerick

Leesburg, Virginia  
December 12, 1955

Mr. D. N. Myers, Chairman  
Loudoun County School Board  
Leesburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Myers:

The League of Women Voters of Loudoun County is seeking the answers to a number of questions raised by the impending referendum on holding a Constitutional Convention in Virginia to rescind section 141 of the state constitution. We believe you can help us and others to find some of the answers. To that end we submit the following questions.

Assuming section 141 shall have been rescinded and that integration shall have been required in Loudoun schools by Court order:

- 1) How much money would a Loudoun family desiring a private segregated school for its children receive per child from state funds?
- 2) If faced with the above situation today, would you, as a board, vote to pay to a family desiring private segregated schooling for its children the equivalent of the cost to the county of the education of each child?
- 3) How much would that amount to per child per year?
- 4) If you should vote such funds would it be possible to maintain the present standards in public schools without an increase in per capita cost?
- 5) How would you assure that tax money paid to individuals for private schooling would be spent for that purpose?
- 6) What is the present cost per pupil per year for bus transportation?
- 7) If transportation should be furnished to pupils in private schools, because of objection to integrated schools, do you visualize the county providing busses, as now, or giving to the parents of such pupils the equivalent in cash of the per capita transportation cost?

We thank you for this opportunity to consult with you on this serious problem.

Sincerely yours,

*Rebecca Smith Phifer*  
President