

Leesburg, Virginia  
January 28, 1956

To the Board of Supervisors of  
Loudoun County, Virginia and  
The School Board of Loudoun County, Virginia:

Whereas, it has come to our attention that the School Board and the Board of Supervisors of Loudoun County have proposed a \$700,000.00 bond issue for the purpose of improving the schools in Loudoun County; and

Whereas, we have been informed, through the public press, that one of the conditions of this proposed bond issue is that "no steps should be taken -- until and unless reasonable assurances have been given by the parents of colored children of the county that they will conform to our considered opinion that their education can be promoted better by continued school attendance on a segregated basis"; and

Whereas, we know that the conclusion that segregated schools serve the best interests of Negroes is based solely upon ignorance and superstition; and, further, we know from bitter experience, as well as from modern knowledge, that racially segregated schools handicap and limit the educational advancement of Negro youth; and

Whereas, the pattern of racial segregation nurtured through the segregated public schools retards the development of the cultural and democratic processes of the entire community; and

Whereas, the Supreme Court has declared that enforced racial segregation in public schools is unlawful; and

Whereas, it is our considered opinion that the resolution adopted by the School Board and Board of Supervisors is another effort by them to intimidate Negro parents, teachers and children into continuing to accept discriminatory educational practices currently existing in this county.

Therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the County Wide League, Bull Run Elementary Parent-Teacher

Association, Bancker Parent-Teacher Association, and the Loudoun County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, meeting in joint assembly, reject the proposal contained in the aforesaid resolution and urge all other Negroes of Loudoun County to do likewise; and direct that this resolution be signed by the presidents of our respective organizations and copies be forwarded to the School Board and the Board of Supervisors of Loudoun County.

COUNTY WIDE LEAGUE

By John W. Wadger  
President

BULL RUN ELEMENTARY PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION,

By Geneva Stewart  
President

BANNEKER PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION

By Hurley Oranger  
President

THE LOUDOUN COUNTY BRANCH OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

By William M. Jackson  
President