

REPORT OF A BRIEF STUDY FOR THE IMMEDIATE CONSOLIDATION
OF HIGH SCHOOLS IN LOUDOUN COUNTY

Richmond, Virginia
June 22, 1934

Authority and Purpose of the Study

At the request of the school board of Loudoun County, Dr. Sidney B. Hall, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, appointed a committee composed of C. J. Hyslup, Acting Supervisor of Secondary Education (chairman), Superintendent R. C. Haydon, Prince William County, and Superintendent W. T. Woodson, Fairfax County, to make a brief study of the high school organization of the county for the purpose of making recommendations to the county school board and Superintendent O. L. Emerick for the immediate consolidation of high schools in the county.

Visit of Committee to Loudoun County

The committee visited Loudoun County on June 20th and was furnished with the necessary information by Superintendent Emerick regarding the present location of high schools, the enrollment in each school, bus routes, buildings, population centers and other information desired by the committee. Due to the lack of time, the committee was able to visit only the schools at Aldie and Middleburg. A very detailed map of the county was studied by the committee in considering the information concerning the other schools.

In the afternoon the committee met with a committee of citizens from Middleburg for the purpose of hearing their protest against the action taken by the county school board in deciding to discontinue the high school work in the Middleburg school.

This study by the committee was made with the view of recommending certain immediate consolidations in high schools which would make the high school work more effective and perhaps reduce the operating costs.

Recommendations

After carefully studying the information secured regarding all high schools in the county, and after a most detailed study of the Middleburg and Aldie high schools, the committee makes the following recommendations for the immediate consolidation of certain schools in the county:

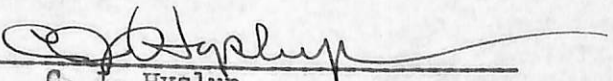
1. That high school work at Lucketts be discontinued and the high school pupils be sent to the Leesburg High School because:
 - a. The present high school enrollment is too small to justify a high school when the Leesburg High School is only approximately seven miles away.
 - b. The population in the territory now being served by the Lucketts High School would not indicate much opportunity for growth in the near future.
 - c. Transportation, which is not now provided, can be furnished to high school pupils from the area around Furnace Mountain by having busses transport elementary children to Lucketts and continue to the Leesburg school with the high school pupils.
 - d. By consolidating the high school work of these two schools better instructional facilities can be made possible in both schools.
2. That the Waterford High School be consolidated with the Leesburg High School for each of the above reasons with transportation to be provided to pupils from Milltown similar to that provided to those from Furnace Mountain.

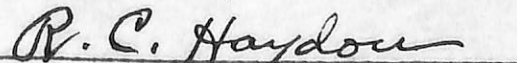
3. That in view of the fact that the county school board is not justified in operating two high schools so close together as Middleburg and Aldie, these two schools should be consolidated at Aldie because:

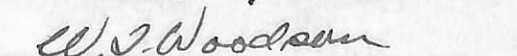
- a. Aldie is nearer the center of the school enrollment population for the southern portion of the county, there being approximately 313 elementary school pupils who would naturally feed into the Aldie High School, while there are approximately 244 pupils who would naturally feed into the Middleburg High School.
- b. Aldie is about as near the geographical center of the southern part of the county as Middleburg.
- c. The Aldie plant will adequately take care of those high school pupils now at Middleburg, while Middleburg does not have the plant to take care of the high school pupils now attending the Aldie High School.
- d. The Middleburg High School pupils can be transported to Aldie with little additional expense, since the present bus from Millsville can be continued to Aldie, while it would take two busses to transport the high school pupils from Aldie to Middleburg.

The committee commends the recent action of the school board of Loudoun County in the consolidation of the Hillsboro and the Lincoln high schools at Lincoln.

Respectfully submitted


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