

January 29, 1945

At a meeting of high and elementary school principals on January 25, 1945 it was unanimously agreed by all principals present and the supervisor and superintendent as follows:

1. That most of our high school graduates are too young and immature to take their places in the world of work or to attend college, that children are too young and immature on promotion from the seventh grade to take full advantage of high school courses. Also that there is a lack of thoroughness in their knowledge of fundamentals.
2. That at the earliest possible date consistent with reasonable procedure the schools of Loudoun County be organized on a twelve grade system.
3. That in doing this the elementary schools as now constituted continue to take care of seven grades, that the additional grade be cared for at the present high school buildings by high school teachers.
4. That the additional grade be worked into the course of study by means of having this year's seventh grade take an eighth grade course next year that would be considered largely pre-high school but that the present first year high school studies graduate on the eleven grade plan.
5. That committees be formed to consider revision of the course of study for the upper grades and the content of the eighth grade.
6. That it must be realized that the addition of one grade will require additional space and teachers, thus increasing the cost of our schools but that this effect will not be realized until this year's seventh grade becomes the twelfth grade graduating class in 1949-50, and finally
7. That we respectfully recommend to the Loudoun County School Board that they take appropriate action to organize the schools of the County on a twelve grade system.