

Leesburg, Va.

March 16, 1940.

The Board of Education
Leesburg, Va.

Gentlemen:-

On Tuesday, March 12, 1940, Mr. Charles D. Houston called your attention to the fact that the Loudoun County Training School building is a fire trap. We respectfully call on you to make a personal inspection on the building without delay so that you can see the conditions there.

The fire escape is inaccessible and the open drum of oil, which has saturated the floor under the steps with oil, has created a death trap. If a match were dropped on the floor or if the electric wire short-circuited in the building while school is in session, scores of children would be trapped and their lives could be saved only by a miracle.

We call on you to see that the children are immediately removed from this building and sent to safe school buildings elsewhere.

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until this building is made safe for
school purposes.

yours respectfully,
County Wide League
(members)

Parent Teachers Assn (Reesburg)
William Harris President.



**2.5.A Petitions (C) County Wide League
Letter to Emerick 3/16/1940
Loudoun County Training School is fire trap**

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Mr. O.L. Emerick
District Superintendent¹
County Schools
Leesburg, Va

Dear Mr. Emerick:

Tuesday, March 12, 1940, Mr. Charles H. Houston called your attention to the fact that the Loudoun County Training School Building is a fire trap. The fire escape is inaccessible; the window opening on the fire escape has no sash cords and the drum of oil under the steps resting on an oil soaked floor is a hazard which, as parents and citizens we cannot permit to continue.

We respectfully call on you to correct these conditions immediately or to withdraw the pupils from said building and send them to some safe school building.

Yours respectfully,
County Wide League
(members)

Leesburg Parents Teachers Assn
William Harris -President

¹ Should have been Division Superintendent; but for letter, leave it as written.

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