

Willisville Va  
Feb. 5. 1931.

To -

The Loudoun Co, School Board.

Mr, A, T, Emerick,  
Division Supt.

We the patrons of the Willisville School take this opportunity of thanking the Board in answering our petition; straightening up our building and securing more seats thereby relieving our children of a little of their uncomfortableness, But we are not satisfied; we are still desirous of something; This has been brought to bear upon us by the steady increase, overcrowded conditions.

We realize that some re-adjustment is necessary and it must be made if any benefits are to be derived for our children.

1 The crowd condition of the school room makes it unsanitary, unhygienic. Think of each individual child

breathing the breath of all the others regardless of whatever disease germ. This condition permits the spread of contagious diseases which is already claiming too many of our people daily.

2. The crowded condition makes for disorder, think of 3 and 4 pupils crowded on each seat cramped, boring together each other for elbow room; proper spacing always make for better order,

3. There is also a loss of interest on the part of the child for study, the teacher crowded for time, not being able to give the child the necessary information to interest him for real study as a child should, we are willing and do send our children to school; we want them to study, to learn, to grow to be useful men and women, good citizens but we know that the

best result cannot be obtained in the unsanitary, unhygienic atmosphere of a close and crowded school room.

Therefore, we as patrons, are asking the board, that Mrs Gaskins, our faithful teacher, be released of a part of the heavy burden she has carried for years with an increase this year; an enrollment of 76 pupils, average daily attendance 70 or more

4. That the Board will for the coming term 1931-1932 build us a larger school or an additional room to the old building and supply us with a new teacher for the same making our school a two-room school; one that is much needed one that will be greatly appreciated, by patrons, teacher, and children.

We are willing to do our part; to do our best, and we are asking the school board, if it will give this matter (most vital to us)

its best consideration, relieve  
the situation and give our children  
an equal chance to learn in the  
best possible environment,

We shall be pleased to have  
an early reply that we may get  
lined up with our share

Respectfully submitted  
Willisville Patrons

Pauline Trambell  
Nellie Young - Harold Hampton  
Mary Slacey - John Colbert  
Amanda Basil - John Thomas  
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