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File



We, the school patrons, citizens, and Tax payers of the Waterford community, unite in protest against the action of The Loudon Co. School board in closing the Waterford High School next year.

We submit the following reasons -

- 1./ The Waterford people have always cooperated in the requests of the school board for improving our school by raising money for the auditorium, for laboratory and other equipment, building up a good library and in keeping up health standards.
- 2./ We have been unable to increase the enrollment partly because of the consistent policy of the school board to divert potential High School pupils to schools further away than Waterford.
- 3./ The present local building projects offer promise of an increased school enrollment soon.
- 4./ The difficulties of bus travel outweigh any advantages to be obtained in a larger school. These difficulties include the extra time taken in going to and from school, - health hazards in waiting for the bus in rain, snow and freezing weather, dangers of a mountain road, lack of supervision on the bus.
- 5./ Some of our country children will be deprived of any High School education because they cannot be spared from home the extra time required.
- 6./ Closing our High School will depreciate property values, increase taxes, discourage

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