

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
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June 9, 1926

Loudoun County

Supt. O.L. Emerick  
Purcellville, Virginia

My dear Mr. Emerick:

In reply to your letter of June 5th asking for my reaction to a summons to appear before the judge of the circuit court in connection with the Lincoln-Purcellville school contest, I want to say that the Department is very glad to be of any service to you, the school board or the community that we possibly can. It is very doubtful, however, if my appearance as a witness would help matters along very much, either for you or for the Department, as there is always a local tendency to resent what appears to be State interference with a matter that is almost purely a local problem. I would suggest that if you think we could be of any service to you that you confer with the judge, and if it is his wish, ask him to request Mr. Hart to have a study made of the situation and report to him and confer with him, if he wishes, concerning the study. If the judge should desire such a study I am sure Mr. Hart would be glad to have Mr. Hall, the supervisor of high schools, and myself come to Loudoun and take a day or two, or as much time as is necessary, to study the situation carefully and make a report to the judge. This I believe would be really worth while if the judge wishes it, but I doubt if my appearance as a witness would materially help either you, the board, or the State Department of Education.

I trust this answers your inquiry.

Very truly yours

*Raymond V. Long*  
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