

LAW OFFICES  
OF  
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ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

March 10, 1945

Mr. O. L. Emerick  
Division Superintendant  
County School Board  
Loudoun County  
Leesburg, Virginia.

Dear Mr. Emerick:

I have in my possession a letter dated March 1, 1945, in which was addressed to Mrs. Mildred Jackson, president of the PTA of Middlesburg, Virginia.

In the first paragraph of your letter you stated that the school board denied the request of the PTA; that is, the discontinuance of the Baptist Church basement at Middlesburg for a school room. Please advise me if the basement is to be used for an indefinite time or is it the intention of the school board that this basement be used just for the duration of the school term. If you will explain this to me then I think we can have a better understanding concerning the use of that basement which has caused much contintion.

A resolution was adopted at a meeting held by the school board on January 31, 1945, that a committee would be appointed from the PTA to work in conjunction with a committee from the school board for the purpose of purchasing a lot for the school board. With this in mind, it seems to me that the congested conditions at Middlesburg could be relieved by the next school term and I would appreciate a statement from you with reference to whether or not such lot has been purchased or if there has been any definite site selected.

Very truly yours,

JAMES H. RABY

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