

July 1, 1926.

Hon. Harris Hart,
Richmond, Va.

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We have no definite provision for handling the expense of this committee and it will be much safer if you can have persons on the committee whose expense accounts are already provided for although we can, if necessary, make provision for the expenses.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
RICHMOND

July 8, 1926

Loudoun County:
C. & R.

Superintendent O. L. Emerick
Purcellville, Virginia

My dear Mr. Emerick:

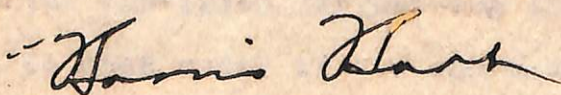
Mr. Combs has submitted a memorandum report which, though not signed by Mr. Smithey and Mr. Hoke, the other two members of the committee, seems to represent the view of the whole committee.

This view is that in the question on appeal before the electoral board as to whether the school burned at Lincoln should be reestablished at Lincoln or at Purcellville, no broad educational policy appears to be involved. There seems no question of general high school consolidation, but it rather appears that the problem is purely a local one as between two communities less than two miles apart. The memorandum asserts that the question is so clearly local and not general, and so slightly involves any question of general educational policy, that the Department of Education can not with propriety inject itself into this dispute.

I must therefore exercise the right reserved in my letter to you of July 2, and say that in view of the memorandum submitted to me it would appear to be entirely improper for this Department to attempt to inject itself into a dispute which appears to be so purely a local one.

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Yours very truly



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