

RESOLUTION

It is resolved by the undersigned to petition the School Board of Loudoun County Virginia to effect the closing of the school known as Mountain Gap School on Highway 15 five miles ~~west~~ of Leesburg and that the children now attending this school be required to attend the public schools of Leesburg. Furthermore, it is resolved that the School Board or the County be required to furnish public transportation for these children to and from Leesburg and that a school bus be run over Route 651 from Vesey Farm to Mount Gilead.

The following reasons are advanced for the closing of Mountain Gap School:

1. The children who attend this school and who are later sent to the fifth and other advanced grades in Leesburg, are found to be backward and insufficiently prepared.
2. There is no competitive spirit at this school due to the small enrollment and varied ages of the children. For the latter reason the teacher is unable to give the required attention.
3. Drinking water and water for washing must be carried in from the nearest private dwelling.
4. Primitive sanitary arrangements permit of only an outside toilet.
5. There is an inadequate playground and no recreational equipment. There is no supervision and as a result children may wander on to the highway and be killed or badly injured.
6. First grade children are dismissed at noon which requires the parent to make an extra trip to the school at noon and then return in the afternoon to pick up others.
7. The teacher does not have the time to give any special attention to any one individual child.
8. Obviously, the segregation of students by sex group has great advantages over the combination of four grades in one room. Such an arrangement as the latter is inconceivable.

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