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Lexington, Va.
May 28, 1930.

Members of School Board,
Lexington, Va.

Dear Sir; -

The petition of the Lyburn Downy
teachers asking the public to
endorse them for another year
is not a defense against the ^{petition}
asking for a male principal and
dismissal of Mrs [redacted]
To attack as they have informed
the public has been made on
the four subordinate teachers
and their petition should have
no weight in this case.

If they desire to assist in
securing names on a petition
which only concerns [redacted]
there can be no objection to them
exercising their right as any
other people. The petition is
getting signatures on false pretenses
that the citizens are attacking the

and patient attitude, and hoping to receive a decision
in compliance with our petition, He also, Respectfully,
John B. Thompson
and signed Chairman
the colored citizens shall be considered equitable and just
since the attack is only on her.

whole faculty for their dismissal
in which case they could easily
get the endorsement of those who
have opposed [redacted] in
their petition, because none
of us would desire such a radical
and wholesale dismissal of the
teachers.

[redacted] unpopularity
among the colored people with
whom she is working makes
her dubious about passing
around a petition only concerning
herself to our people, but she
prefers to have her name with
the other teachers to help shield
and insure a decent endorsement.
The scheme is plainly made a
fact when she only places her
name on a petition sent to the
white citizens, who know nothing
about her qualifications nor the
facts in the case.

Thanking the Board for its tolerant