

Lexington, Va.
May 20, 1930.

To the Citizens, -

The the Petitioners opposing the reappointment by [REDACTED] as principal and teacher in the Lyburn Downing Public School have the following reasons for our action.

1. Because of the lack of educational ability on her part to meet the requirements
2. Because she opposes the existence of the High School, which is without doubt beyond capacity,
3. Because she told certain authority that Negro children did not have the intellectual capacity to learn as white children why they took two years to do the seventh and white do it in one year.
4. Because of the unusual number of children failing to pass from

of the people. 7 Because she is wearing a silent
change through her silent, to keep up discord in the
entire system

the grade to High School (20
~~percent~~ of 28 apparently to
defeat feeding the High School.
5 Because her personality
is not exemplary as a copy
for the school pupils.

6. Because she refuses to
visit, cooperate or show
any interest which should
become the principal, pupil
and parent.

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they have a right to a High School
and a competent head. Any Colored
man or woman who opposes
it is either grossly ignorant or
a traitor to our ~~race~~ people
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small for the job or the job
too large for the individual
they should step down for
the sake of the people's interest
rather than fight to hang on
and choke out the intellectual life

We the undersigned parents of children entering the 7th grade of the Lyburn Downing School will positively restrain our children from entering the grade under the instruction of the present teacher,

1st. Because of educational ability on her part to cope with the times and requirements
2nd. Because she told certain authority that Negro children did not have the intellectual capacity to learn as white children, why they took two years to do the seventh grade while ^{the} whites do the work in one.

3rd. Because she is a hindrance to the plans and policies of the principal in the development of an efficient High School.
4th. Because she discords

at the school is charged
to her account, because
she is no longer the
principal.

Signed -

F. W. Washington

H. C. Merchant

Sam Harris

Mr. John Johnson

Sylvester Evans

Vernita Morgan

Mary Adamson

John B. Thompson

Samuel Morrison

Amanda Alexander.

Chas Alexander X
Arthur Coleman
George Evans
Henrywood Jackson
Preston Jones
Andrew Jordan
William Nelson
Geo. Nichols
Bernard Richardson
John Thompson
Frank Washington
Samuel White
Helen Adams
Vivian Carter
Ada Clayton
Clair Fell
Neomi Harris
Alice Hamilton
Billie Jenkins
Mary Johnson
Rosalie Johnson

X indicates the names whose parents
did sign for their attendance.
Another copy of this petition was not available
but can be secured if need be from Mr. Nelson
P. Washington, Randolph St. Box, Va.

Eva Mack
Grace Merchant
Virginia Merchant
Marie Morgan
Alice Morrison
Mary Ellen Potter

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| Ch. Franklin | Louis Poudyter |
| Mrs Marcella Miller | Thomas Chandler |
| " Emma Burnett | Fattie Cole |
| John Burnett | Graham Cole |
| Alice J. Walker | Miss Virginia Morgan |
| S. M. Lolly | Sam Miller |
| Mr C. H. Franklin | Rufus Miller |
| M. S. Jones | Saluda Beal |
| Mrs L. C. Clark | Mrs Sylvester Evers |
| Hellie A. Block | Mr. " Evers |
| Grant Johnson | Chas. Jackson |
| R. L. Poudyter | Mrs C. H. Jackson |
| Nell Linn | Mrs Nelson ^{Franklin} |
| L. L. Morrison | Mr. " Franklin |
| Edwin Walker | Oral Jackson |
| Augusta Foltz | Mrs Lena Myers |
| H. M. Wandridge | Harren Jackson |
| Mrs Virginia Davis | Louise Jackson |
| Louis Green | Nelson P. Washington |
| Albert H. Morrison | Mrs. Va. Washington |
| Mrs Eliza Walker | Mr Eolyn Jackson |
| Mary Jackson | Mrs Myrtle Hoffman |
| B. J. Jackson | John Hoffman |
| Mrs Anna Chandler | Sernal Miller |
| Addie Hall | Mrs Lillie Leach |
| Julia Rens ^{dgl.} | Sernal Jackson |
| | John Johnson |

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| Mr. Ida B. Johnson | Mr. John L. Mason |
| Rachel Wise | L. M. Anderson |
| Lottie Johnson | Mr. Mary Thompson |
| Mr. Blanch Harris | M. H. Estuine |
| Virginia Gilliam | Mr. Reide Jones |
| Andrew Gilliam | Eolyn Franklin |
| Annie Hance | Samuel Hampton |
| Mr. Lizzie Clark | Janett Hampton |
| Hannie Hall | Katherine Harris |
| H. D. Harris | Robert Bowyer |
| Mr. Sallie Estuine | Mary Bowyer |
| Mr. Margaret Merchant | Thomas Stock |
| Colman Merchant | Julia Stock |
| Luvia Green | Frank Washington |
| Aphila Mc Cutchem | Mr. Mary Hood |
| Joe S. Johnson | Mr. Golden Cutch |
| Mr. Jannie Johnson | field |
| Robert Myers | Mr. Nancy Allen |
| J. M. Hood | Elizabeth Hubbard |
| Mr. C. M. Hood | Mr. Follie Brooks |
| H. L. Walker | Mr. Francis Redcross |
| Mr. H. L. Walker | Ben Porter |
| Joe. Harris | John W. Harper |
| W. H. Carter | J. H. Gooch |
| J. H. Cosby | E. S. Poindexter |
| J. M. Hood | |

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The petition of the teachers asking the public for to indorse them for the coming year is quite a surprise. They have enjoyed the utmost confidence of the people. Not an issue has been raised against them so why should they have reasons to murmur.

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