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July
Dear Friend:-

The colored patrons of the Randolph Street Colored School are calling upon you along with others to help mold a sentiment as our resort to bring on change long needed in our schools.

You may be acquainted with the Network of the Home and School League and its investigation, and its meeting with the Board, and the facts folded in that meeting were as follows:

Pupils normally being were taking ten years do work which did not suit them to standard schools and academies.

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length of time unheard
where now the graded school
work is done in seven years
and never before more than
eight years

2 Our course of study
was a special arranged
one and not strictly in ac-
cordance with the State course

3, Excess amount of indus-
trial work consuming time
not allotted to do it

4 Teaching Sunday School
lesson in a Public School

5 The supervisor of the
school not being in any
official hands, but to the
principle say Mr Hardell

After finding out the
above facts we expected
the teachers who had lived
and worked under these con-
ditions to go in we bringing
better conditions, but rather
it became our betterest

(3) and did
enemies as if they were
the conditions

6 In a meeting to see
principle we were insulted

7 In a petition signed by
143 patrons to dismiss four
of the teachers with many
graceful reasons as well
ready to prove, we were
yet ignored and got no reply
as if conditions had nothing
do with our children

No charge that the teachers
are not honest to the race
nor are the interested in
pupils interest and a
man and the parents

Think of a teacher
principle who would sacrifice
the most modern
sure teachers we have
sometimes, that you
get paid if you

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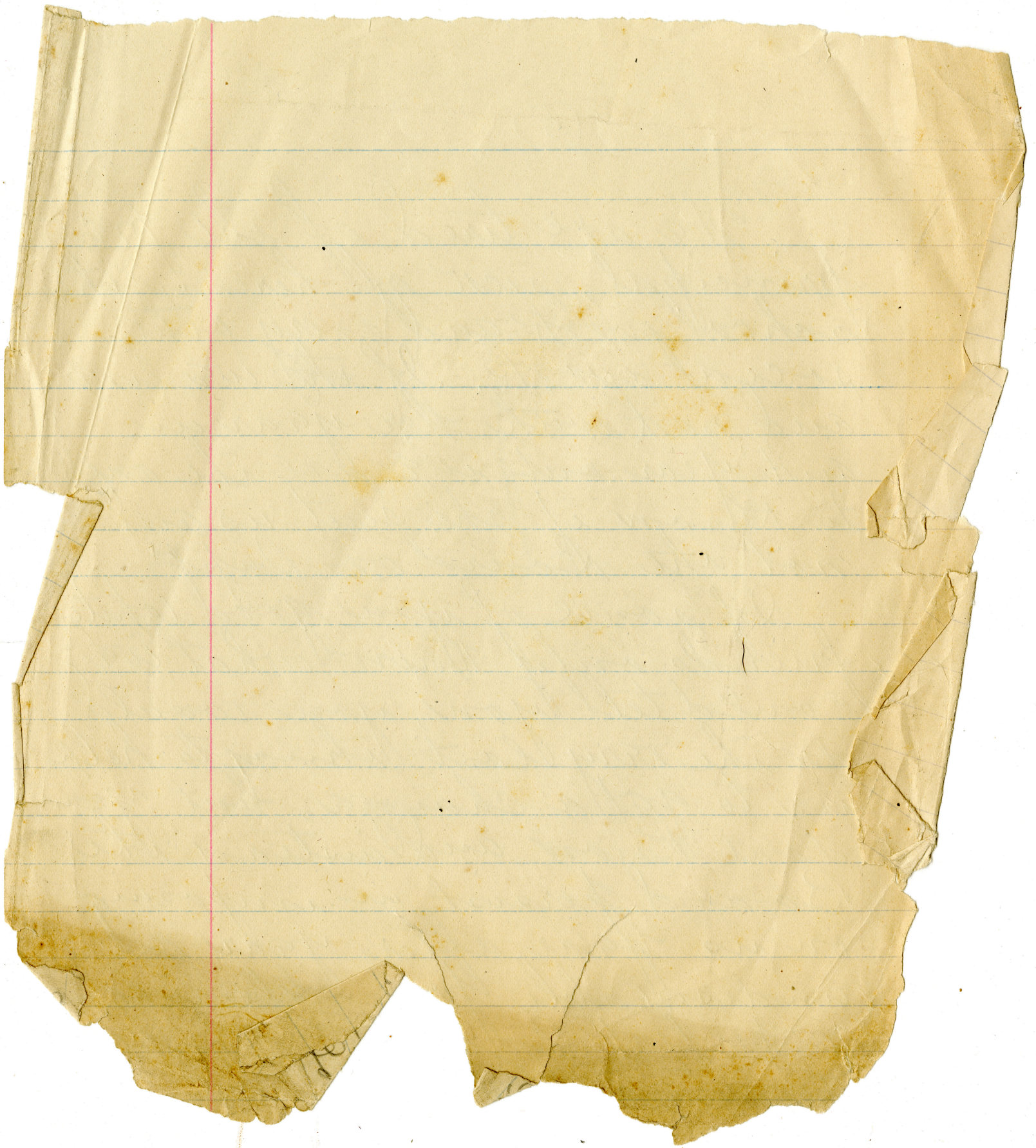
file in your grades,
do so you will make your
grade small to the point
that it would not justify the
board to retain you.

Dear friends if you
were subjected to the condition
as I have named you i.e.
of keeping the children in the
first and second grade two years
each and at the end of ten
years your child were graduated
with a graded school certificate
and on sending him off to high
school he would find himself
from three six or nine months
deficient for entrance; now
when you make up and find
out that the principal as the
lord of the school and others
there helping to carry out such
a plan, how would you
feel toward that faculty that
would not help to bring
change in this position.

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We are tired of the present
principal, sick of her in the
school work and every other
social work. If ~~the~~ we live
and work with her year in
and year out we are the ones
to know if she suit us or
not the Board or Pupt.

If some of you good white
friends only knew what we
could tell you, you would
do the very last thing to help
us to get a change, but you
dont know and instead the
Board persist in imposing
on us year after year an
undesireable principle who is
a perfect C. G. for the so
lately a



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thirty three and one half cent
per mo.

This agreement
sidered binding on its con-
hereto undersigned, ties
Signed:

C. M. Hood

