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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: LCPS Apology for Operating Segregated Schools
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Dr. Nyah Hamlett,

The NAACP Loudoun Branch objects to LCPS' media release on August 28th announcing a timeline and plan for a formal apology for:

- inequities during the era of segregation, such as inequitable school calendars, teacher salaries, facilities, transportation, as well as instructional materials, supplies and equipment;
- purchasing the land for the Douglass School for only \$1 from the Countywide League after the League paid \$4,000 for the land; and
- resistance by the School Board and Superintendent to integration of our schools during the era of Massive Resistance.

As victims of racism and discrimination, with its beginnings in segregated education, it is unconscionable for the abuser to ask the victim to provide assistance in writing an apology for the abuse.

The NAACP demands an immediate cease and desist of any and all public media release regarding segregated education, the purchase of the Douglass School or the resistance by the School Board and Superintendent to integrate by Loudoun County Public Schools on the 57th anniversary of the March on Washington.

In keeping with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech, the NAACP Loudoun Branch continues to dream of a day when systemic racism is dismantled within the LCPS system. We further express that it is an affront to the sincerity of the Superintendent's Equity Statement to continue to ignore the NAACP Loudoun Branch's terms of conciliation which was presented to LCPS in June.

We demand an immediate apology through action by honoring all the terms of the conciliation agreement.

Sincerely,

Pastor Michelle C. Thomas
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