For your information

Westside High School
Smithfield, Virginia
April 3, 1967

Dear Fellow Principals:

As you know the Virginia Teachers Association is no longer in existence due to the merger effective January 1, 1967. It is most important that the Department of Secondary School Principals decide upon a course of action for the future effectiveness and value of the organization to the membership.

It is important that we secure your opinion, your recommendation and your endorsement of whatever course we take. We need your help in deciding what should be the future of our organization after June 30, 1967.

An important meeting to discuss the future of the Department of Secondary School Principals will be held on April 22, 1967, at 9:30 A. M. in the Auditorium of Owens Hall, Virginia State College, Petersburg, Virginia.

This is your opportunity to be heard. We urge your presence and participation in any action or decision which will chart the future direction of the Department of Secondary School Principals. We urge your careful consideration of the following questions:

1. Should the organization have a new name?
2. Should we seek merger?
3. What do you suggest?

Your help is needed, please be present.

Sincerely yours,

C. M. Gillis, Chairman
Department of Secondary School Principals
(VTA)
universities of our country.

4. We must develop astute leadership in public relations and be the best there is and be ready in a big way.

5. We must keep our principals' organizations to push superintendents go do what is best for our youth.

6. We must hang on to something "Negro" such as our state organization for science and mathematics for the best interest of our children.

Dr. Pickett discussed briefly the merging of state teachers associations. There will be a 31-5 ratio on the first combined board of directors.

Much of the change in N.E.A. in the direction of merging or integration of associations is due to the growing challenge of A.F.T.

Dr. Pickett’s new position will be Field Representative of N.E.A. He will work with associations in many parts of the country.

All teachers were urged to pay the $1000 V.T.A. fee which automatically gives them all the benefits of the $15.00 V.T.A. fees.

Remarks were given by the following:

Mr. John Banks, Virginia State College Fields Services Division
Mr. Gw W. Fawcett, Science Coordinator, State Department
Mr. Z. L. Edwards, State Department
Mr. Gw W. Fawcet, Director of Title II Programs, Newport News, Virginia
Mr. Gilbert Hays, State Department
Mr. E. L. Davis, Chairman of the Program Committee stated that other items scheduled for this meeting will be taken up at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 P.M.

The following persons were in attendance:

Mr. J. D. Banks, Virginia State College, Petersburg, Va.
Mr. H. E. Powell, Holland, Va.
Mr. Gw W. Fawcet, Newport News, Va.
Mr. W. D. Scales, Huntington High School, Newport News, Va.
Mr. Gilbert Hays, State Department, Richmond, Va.
Mr. C. W. Keenley, Virginia State College, Petersburg, Va.
Mr. Joseph C. Webb, Crestwood High, Chesapeake, Va.
Mr. Walter E. Robinson, Gw W. Carver High, Chesapeake, Va.
Mr. Robert T. Morris, T. C. Walker, Gloucester, Va.
Mr. Elgin Lowe, G. Tyler, Windsor, Va.
Mr. Leon Armstead, Hayden High School, Franklin, Va.
Mrs. Grace Drake, Carver Elementary

Submitted By: C. C. Johnson
Attendance continued:

Mr. Clarence McKay, Carver High School, Newport News, Va.
Mr. Elmo S. Davis, Carver High School, Newport News, Va.
Mr. Walter T. Jones, Phenix High School, Hampton, Va.
Mr. B. L. Davis Jr., Southwestern High School, Holland, Va.
Mr. E. L. Edwards, Jr., State Department, Richmond, Va.

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