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ARLINGTON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Office of the Superintendent

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM

May 6, 1964

To: James G. Stockard

*RE* From: Ray E. Reid

Subject: Information Requested re Chronology of Desegregation in  
Arlington County

February 2, 1959

By Court Order, four Negro students were assigned to Stratford Junior High School without incident.

September 21, 1961

The Arlington County School Board rescinded its action of September 21, 1959, when it adopted as School Board Policy the Virginia House Joint Resolution #97 concerning participation in Athletic Events.

April 19, 1962

The School Board adopted the Revised Rental Policies for Use of School Buildings and Grounds which included the provision that school facilities may be rented to responsible parent groups to sponsor such activities as dances for students of the school and their guests, and that the rate be \$9 instead of \$6.

August 16, 1962

In approving Extracurricular Activities in the Junior and Senior High Schools for the 1962-63 school year, the Board understood that in the senior high schools all dances will be school-parent sponsored; in the junior high schools the only dance will be the 9th Grade Prom, which will be school-parent sponsored, and that no building rental fees will be applicable to school-parent sponsored dances.

June 6, 1963

The School Board adopted a Personnel Policy which precludes race as a consideration in all personnel actions.

The School Board removed the requirement for a photograph to be attached to application forms.

June 20, 1963

In light of the Supreme Court Ruling in the case of Goss v. Knoxville, Tenn.; Board of Education et al, the Board adopted the Change in the Rules & Policies Governing Assignment of Pupils, as recommended by the Superintendent, and directed the Pupil Placement Officer to reassign those pupils attending schools outside their regular attendance areas through exercise of the "Minority Clause" to the school serving the geographic district in which they reside.

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### August 1963

One Negro supervisor was assigned to two white schools, and one white supervisor was assigned a Negro school--all on the elementary level.

(The secondary supervisors have always served Hoffman-Boston Jr.-Sr. High School as well as the other junior and senior high schools, and the visiting and helping teachers also have always been assigned to Negro as well as white schools.)

One Negro physics teacher was assigned to a white high school, and four white teachers were assigned to Negro schools--two on a part-time basis.

### November 21, 1963

The School Board adopted a resolution directing the Superintendent to proceed with administrative arrangements required to terminate as of the start of the 1964-65 school year the senior-high program at the present Hoffman-Boston Junior-Senior High School, including transfer of the students affected and the reassignment of such teaching personnel as become surplus to the needs of the continued operation of the Hoffman-Boston Junior High School. (The reassignment of teaching personnel is now substantially completed in accordance with our needs, and the students also have been reassigned.)

### April 9, 1964

The Board adopted the 1964-65 School Attendance Areas, eliminating the Hoffman-Boston Senior High Attendance Area and rezoning the 2200 and 2300 blocks of Dinwiddie and Culpeper Streets to the Taylor Elementary School, the Williamsburg Junior High School, and the Yorktown Senior High School.

### Summer 1964

For the 1964 Summer School, children living in South Arlington will attend the Drew Elementary School which is now airconditioned and remodeled.

### Fall 1964

For the regular school term beginning in September 1964, classes for the Educable Mentally Retarded will be relocated with those on the high-school level assigned to Wakefield High School; junior-high pupils will be assigned to Hoffman-Boston Junior High School, and on the elementary level assignments will be for Fort Myer, Barrett, or Drew Elementary Schools.

Assignments of pupils in the Arlington County Public Schools will continue to be determined on the basis of "geographic district" and without regard to race. Special Education students will be assigned without regard to race, but to the school where facilities are available.

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cc: Members of the Board