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## Letter from Ainslee B. and Alvin R.L. Dohme, Front Royal, 1959



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Feb. 26th, 1959

Mr. Maurice Bowen, County Supervisor, Front Royal, Va.

Dear Maurice:

The two of us have been members of the group for the preservation of the public school system since its inception last fall. Both of us feel very strongly on the matter. We feel that the mental equilibrium and education of the young hereabouts have been sacrificed unduly already for the personal expression of rebellion ggainst the U S Supreme Court and perhaps racial prejudice as well. It is high time we thought of normalcy and routine for our young. We decry such as state of affairs in the home and constantly blame juvenile delinquency etc. on this lack of security and home balance. Why tolerate it in our schools, publicly and officially?

This is not basically an issue of segregation, as Mr. Fitzgerald has so ably pointed out. It is a matter of the future generation of our local citizens. To hamstring our children for pride and prejudice and to fall for the easy flattery of neighboring communities is transforous folly and failure in our civic responsibilities. To be "the bulwark of the fight against integration and federal domination" for other areas at the expense of our own youth is selfish madness.

We, the undersigned, most strongly urge you to fight for the Commonwealth's public school system, and our own in particular. Let us get the young off of the streets and sidewalks and back in the **b**lassrooms where they rightly belong.

Sincerely,

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