

growing suburban population. It feels that, at the present time, these considerations are overriding ones in the administration of the Mecklenburg County school system.

Coupled with this, is the fact that three North Carolina school systems have voted to admit Negro students to formerly all-white schools this fall. The Board feels that it would be wise to await the experience of these three systems, and to attempt to apply it to the peculiar situation of Mecklenburg County.

Finally, the Board has been much concerned

with its responsibility to the individual pupils involved. Unfortunately, counsel for these pupils refused to allow them to express their own preferences as to the school they wanted to attend at the hearing held last Friday.

The Board has done its best to discharge its duty under the law of our state, and to the parents and children of Mecklenburg County, to provide the best possible educational opportunities for each child.

Proper notification of this action will be sent to the parents of each child.

EDUCATION

Public Schools—Virginia

The form adopted by the Virginia Pupil Placement Board for use in assigning pupils to schools is reproduced on the next page. Set out below is a memorandum issued by the Board concerning the application and enforcement of the Pupil Placement Act.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA PUPIL PLACEMENT BOARD

22 N. 9th Street
Richmond, Virginia

August 19, 1957

Memo #11

TO: Division Superintendents
FROM: J. W. Bland, Executive Secretary
SUBJECT: Procedure for registering pupils at opening of 1957-58 session

A number of you have written and called, continuing to ask for a guide as to the procedure you should follow with the opening of your schools. You have our Memo #10, dated August 5, 1957, which sets forth very clearly the position of the Pupil Placement Board as follows:

"So far as this Board is advised, the Pupil Placement Act has not been invalidated by any court of last resort; and this Board will continue to exercise its duties under the Pupil Placement Act. . ."

Therefore, the earlier directives, rules and regulations of the Pupil Placement Board, which you have in Memos 1-10, inclusive, are still in effect and operative. The following is the situation at present:

1. No child can be legally enrolled in the public schools of the Commonwealth of Virginia until an application has been filed in his behalf, unless he remains in the school in which he was enrolled prior to December 29, 1956.

2. Temporary enrollment by the local school officials is permitted, until the application can be acted upon by the Public Placement Board of Virginia.

3. Each child entering a given school for the first time in September must have an application filed in his or her behalf.

4. In order not to work a hardship on the pupils or their parents, a fifteen-day period is allowed in which to secure the application locally.

5. In the event there is a refusal on the part of the parent or legal guardian of the pupil to file an application in the pupil's behalf, at that moment the pupil is no longer legally enrolled, and should not be allowed to further attend the public schools of Virginia. The fifteen-day rule does not apply in such instances; and you should instruct your principals and teachers not to admit such a pupil to school at all, not even for one day.

If we can be of service, do not hesitate to call on us.

P.S. FORM NO. 1

School Division (City or County): _____

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
PUPIL PLACEMENT BOARD
APPLICATION FOR PLACEMENT OF PUPIL

(NOTE: A birth certificate or photostatic copy thereof shall be attached to the application of each pupil who has moved to Virginia from another state for whom application is made for enrollment in Virginia schools for the first time.)

I, the undersigned parent/or legal guardian, or other person having custody of the child named below, request that this child be placed by the Pupil Placement Board of the Commonwealth of Virginia in the school in the County/or City of _____ which the Board deems most appropriate in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 70 of the Acts of the General Assembly (Extra Session 1956), and submit the following information:

FULL NAME OF CHILD: _____

ADDRESS: _____

POST OFFICE: _____

SCHOOL YEAR FOR WHICH ENROLLMENT IS REQUESTED: _____

NAME OF SCHOOL LAST ATTENDED: _____ WHEN: _____

ADDRESS OF SCHOOL: _____ COUNTY/OR CITY: _____

YEARS IN SCHOOL: _____ GRADE: _____ BIRTH DATE: _____

(EXCLUDE YEAR FOR WHICH THIS APPLICATION IS MADE)

SEX: _____ CONDITION OF HEALTH: _____

PHYSICAL OR MENTAL HANDICAPS OR DISABILITIES: _____

PARTICULAR APTITUDES: _____

NAME AND LOCATION OF SCHOOL OR SCHOOLS IN VIRGINIA IN WHICH ANY OTHER CHILDREN OF YOURS ARE ENROLLED: _____

The foregoing is certified on oath or affirmation to be true and complete.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

(FOR USE OF BOARDS ONLY)

INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD

If child is entering school for the first time is date of child's birth on application same as on birth certificate? _____

Comments concerning pupil: _____

Recommendation as to school to which pupil should be assigned: _____

Principal or Head Teacher: _____

LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD

By: _____

(Title)

ACTION BY STATE BOARD

The above-named pupil is hereby assigned to _____ school in the County (City) of _____