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February 12, 1936.

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Under separate cover I am mailing to you the school budget for 1936-37. This budget has had the unanimous approval of the school board.

In addition to the classified summary which has been sent to you heretofore we have incorporated a great deal of detailed information relating to our schools and school finances. We hope you will be glad to have this.

It would be a genuine pleasure to me and all of the members of the school board if we could find a way to operate the schools satisfactorily at the same or less cost. We consider it very important, however, that more money be appropriated for the schools. By examination of the budget you will find that we are requesting \$115,000 local appropriation for next year as compared with \$93,000 received this year. An explanation of this increase will be found on page 5 of the budget.

The controllable items effecting these increases are:

Salary Clerk of Board	Increase	60.00
Salaries of Teachers	"	12,670.00
Building at Ashburn	"	3,000.00
Building at Purcellville (net)	"	4,000.00
(Two-thirds Borrowed)		
Total		<u>\$19,730.00</u>

I hope a brief discussion of these items will not be thought out of order.

#### Salary Clerk of Board

This salary will be found to be still somewhat less than that for similar positions in the county office building.

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## Salaries of Teachers

The salary schedule, the range of salaries, and the actual salaries of all teachers are shown in the budget. This will show you that after four years in high school, four years in college and seven or more years of successful experience the most a teacher can earn, if not a principal, is \$75.00 per month. There are also shown two very significant facts. The average salary in our very fine and prosperous county is less than the Virginia average and the per pupil cost of education is about the same as the state average. The supply of qualified teachers has been reduced so rapidly in the last year that we were unable to locate a teacher for a Latin position in Ashburn and we found it necessary to make two transfers and one new appointment in order to fill this vacancy. Extreme difficulty was experienced last summer and fall to fill all colored school positions.

## Building at Ashburn

This school has three high school teachers and only two rooms besides a laboratory in which to carry on the regular class work. These rooms are small and the enrollment has increased. If this school is to function as an accredited high school and meet state requirements more space is imperative.

## Building at Purcellville

Under the plan of a building program this auditorium would have been built in 1931 but for the 1930 drouth and depression. The school is almost as large as any except Leesburg, having six teachers and 176 pupils. Purcellville is the second town in the county in size and has no publicly owned meeting place of any kind. The county now has auditoriums at the following schools: Aldie, Ashburn, Bluemont, Hillsboro, Leesburg, Lincoln, Lovettsville, Lucketts, Middleburg, Round Hill and Waterford. Hamilton has a combination arrangement made from two large class-rooms. This county has about 150 class-rooms and the above auditoriums, worth about one-half million dollars. If the average class-room should last fifty years, replacement would require three class-rooms each year, as an average. And how much better it would be if we could care for a little of the needed building each year rather than do a great deal in one year!

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Other building needs loom ahead of us.

If the Lovettsville high school is to maintain its proper service some consolidation of nearby schools is important. Two rooms at a cost of around \$8,000 will be needed. The Leesburg school is crowded and is now using three rather unsuitable basement rooms for regular school work. There is now or soon will be needed here four additional rooms. The colored schools need some buildings. Hamilton in Jefferson and Purcellville in Mount Gilead are using rented space and our experiences at Purcellville are far from satisfactory. Middleburg and Saint Louis colored schools are crowded.

I shall be glad to make any explanation of any of the budget items at your request and I hope we can talk it over at any early date.

Very sincerely yours,

Division Superintendent.

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# Building

Close

- 1936 1<sup>st</sup> Year — Ashburn 1-room } \$13,000  
 Parcellville and. }
- 1937 2<sup>nd</sup> year — Lovettsville - 2 rooms - \$8,000. -  
 Lot - \$600 Woodland  
 Brooklyn  
 Taylor town
- 1938 3<sup>rd</sup> year — Leesburg - 4 rooms - \$16,000 -  
 Lot - 2000. } into gaps  
 Cool Spring  
 Milltown  
 Fc. Mt.
- 1939 4<sup>th</sup> year - New School - 4 rooms and - \$29,000. -  
 Lot \$400. } Pleasant Valley  
 Carter  
 Arcola  
 Mc Gravs Ridge  
 Little River

	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Loan</u>	<u>Total Debts End Year</u>	<u>Increase - Prin &amp; Int. - Payment Over 1935-36.</u>
<del>1936-37</del>			59,500.	
1935-36			6,000	
1936-37	5000	8000.	56,000.	600.
1937-38	5000	3600.	61,000.	800.
1938-39	8,000	10,000	65,000	1400.
1939-40	8,000	12,000	56,000	
1940-41				

For the year 1941-42 \$3274 of present literary loans will have been paid in full and these new loans of \$33,600 would have added \$2240. per year. The interest will be about stationary.