

Lily Jones and the Brown vs Board of Education Committee
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Greetings Lily and the Brown vs Board of Education Committee:

I am writing this letter to first thank you for the meeting to discuss how the funds of the Brown vs Board of Education scholarship should be disbursed.

Second, as one of the participants still using the scholarship, I would like to add a few suggestions for distribution of the funds. The scholarship first should still go to those who were directly affected by the school closing. Second, to the children of those who were directed impacted. Third, to the grandchildren of those directed impacted.

Fourth, it should be a year before it is open to great grandchildren and other relatives. The reason for the fourth suggestion is to make sure that enough advertisements have been provided for the children and grandchildren to have the proper opportunity to take advantage of the scholarship.

Fifth, is to change the time for applying for the scholarship to every semester. I remember when I finally heard about it, I could not use it in my first year of college. This made me one year older, which I was already 63 years old. I am among the younger group who were impacted by the school closing. Therefore, the children of us that were denied an education in 1959-1964 in Prince Edward County Schools are in their forties and above.

Please consider my suggestions so that the scholarship would benefit those who are "direct descendants" such as children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

If the committee needs to contact me, I can be reached at [REDACTED].

Respectfully,

Vera Morton

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