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One of the most serious problems confronting the Detroit community is the problem of racial discrimination and segregation in our public schools. It's one which touches every level and segment of our public education system. While we believe that our School Board and Administration are conscious of this basic weakness in our public schools, we do not feel that either the school officials or community people are doing as much as should be done and must be done to correct this weakness.

If de facto racial segregation in the public schools in Detroit, as in every other major city in the north, is to be eliminated as we seek to eliminate the hard core traditions of race discrimination in the south, community people and school officials alike must bring a greater sense of urgency and determination to this vital task.

The Board of Directors of the Detroit Branch NAACP in its monthly meeting on February 13 voted unanimously to create a Citizens Advisory Committee on School Desegregation. The purpose of this committee is to work on a continuing basis at examining school problems in this area, and organizing community participation toward their effective solution. The position of the NAACP is that such a committee embracing concerns and interested citizens, both white and Negro, from every section of the community; is essential and can effectively support the democratic aims of our public school system.

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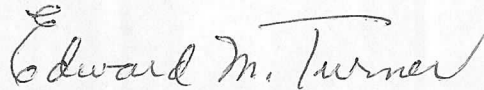
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To launch this program, a meeting of interested citizens and community leadership persons is being called by the Detroit Branch for Monday, March 5, 1962 at 8 p.m. in the Polar Bear Room, Veterans Memorial Building, 151 W. Jefferson, Detroit 26, Michigan.


A Special Consultant to this meeting will be Miss June Shagaloff, Education Specialist on the national staff of the NAACP, New York City. Miss Shagaloff has a rich background in the field of Education and in the area particularly of problems of de facto segregation in the North. She has served as Coordinator for a committee of distinguished social scientists which has cooperated with the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Incorporated.

We hope that you will make every effort to attend the first meeting of this very important community endeavor. A self-addressed postage free reply card is enclosed for your convenience.

Sincerely yours,



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