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June 10, 1994

Carol H. Rasco  
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. Rasco:

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me this morning about welfare reform and teenage pregnancy. It is encouraging to see teenage pregnancy and welfare reform linked together. The chances for a teen mother who drops out of school to successfully raise a child and lead a productive and independent life are slim. Our best chance is to prevent that teenager from becoming pregnant in the first place.

We had the chance to attend a recent presentation where evaluations of three large programs focused on mothers on AFDC were presented. The Manpower Demonstration Research Corporation evaluated the "New Chance" program, Mathematica Policy Research, Inc. evaluated the Teenage Parent programs funded by HHS, and Abt Associates evaluated the Comprehensive Child Development Program and compared it to Even Start.

All of these programs work very hard to help people on AFDC, especially young mothers, to become self-sufficient. All the evaluation results show that, at best, it is an uphill struggle to get a young woman with a child, who has dropped out of school, to become economically independent, even after two or three years of intensive and expensive financial support and social services, education and training assistance. The situation cries out for a concerted effort to stop teenagers from getting pregnant in the first place, and to keep them in school so they graduate. I know that this is easier said than done, but I think the President in his remarks and his plan could focus upon a few things:

- 1) Comprehensive school based values education programs, of which our Community of Caring is one, are effective in preventing teen pregnancy. Teen pregnancy is highly correlated to welfare dependency;

2) Teaching young people responsibility and values leads to their assumption of positive behavior (see attached from Armstrong High School - an inner-city school where most of the students live in public housing with a single parent heading the household). They have improved on every variable which leads to independence as an adult;

3) To be successful, Health and Social Welfare agencies, Churches, schools and community organizations and their leaders must all come together to instill a sense of belonging to young people who are disenfranchised;

4) Research shows that it is cheaper to prevent a teen pregnancy by the Community of Caring model, than it is to support a teen mother on welfare, by a factor of at least 10 to 1. According to "Childtrends", over 50% of the payments for Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC/WELFARE) go to women who were 19 or younger when they first got these payments. This is where the financial benefit is for pregnancy prevention;

5) When the community is actively involved in working with schools, other benefits, such as support for schools, recognizing the value of young people, etc. are crucial side benefits.

The Community of Caring could well disarm critics of condom distribution

- o Provides opportunity for discussions detailing responsible behavior
- o Emphasizes goal setting on part of teenagers which reduces the risks of destructive behavior

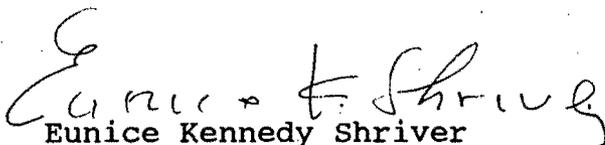
I would hope that the final plan the President presents would:

1) Include school-based programs which stress teaching responsibility and preventing teen pregnancy as part of any welfare reform legislation;

2) Create a grant program which requires department of education and HHS to work together with local schools, public welfare and community service programs. Target grant to the 500 places in the U.S. where welfare dependence is the highest.

I hope that the President can continue to talk about this approach in meetings and statements.

Sincerely,

  
Eunice Kennedy Shriver

**Evaluation of the Community of Caring School Program, conducted  
by the Center for Health Policy Studies, 1991:**

1. Community of Caring schools report reduced pregnancies. One Community of Caring school reported reduced pregnancies from 14 to 2 over a two-year period.
2. Community of Caring students show greater gains in knowledge about the adverse consequences and risks of early sexual activity. On average, one Community of Caring school showed a 6% higher rate of knowledge than the control school.
3. Community of Caring "high risk" students were significantly more likely to plan postponing sex until after high school. One Community of Caring school showed a change from 0% to 24%.
4. Community of Caring "high risk" students were more likely to choose refraining from having sexual intercourse as the best method to avoid getting pregnant. For example, the percentage of students who said they would refrain rose 24% (to a total of 92% of the students surveyed) in one Community of Caring school and was up 15% in another Community of Caring school.
5. In two out of three school systems, Community of Caring students reported stronger values in terms of: helping others, attention to personal health, stronger relationships within the family and lasting peer relationships. In one Community of Caring school, 42% more students reported stronger values than the control school.

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In 1987 James River Corporation adopted Armstrong High School, an inner-city school with all of the problems faced by urban schools, ie. drugs, violence, dropouts, teen pregnancy, etc. The school specifically asked for James River's help in finding a solution to the teen pregnancy problem. James River Corporation hired a consultant to identify a tested and proven program of school-based values education aimed at preventing adolescent pregnancy and self-destructive behaviors. An interdisciplinary curriculum, The Community of Caring, developed by the Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation, was selected and has been successfully implemented at the school. The program also receives direction from an advisory committee consisting of parents, student leaders, faculty, staff, business, community, and educational specialists. Initial teacher training and annual continuing education opportunities for staff development as well as a part-time consultant and lead teacher stipends have been underwritten by the corporation to assure quality and continuity of the program.

The recommended activities are directed toward building self-esteem, self-respect, respect of others and their property, the ability to assume responsibility for one's choices, and the strength of character to say "NO." One of the most outstanding activities is a TEEN FORUM. The students develop and lead the entire program addressing sensitive and significant issues with their peers. In May, 1992, the first class that has been in the program from grades 9 through 12 was graduated. The results have been phenomenal (see stats attached). Much of the success is due to the administration and their leadership in demonstrating "Caring." In addition to the Teen Forum, the company has supported the administration through "caring" programs such as internships, mentors, science fairs, workshops, college tours, legislative tours, career days, scholarships, and incentive awards. Employees are actively involved in classroom and extra-curricular activities such as working with the newspaper staff, tutoring accounting students, etc.

The statistics speak for themselves in the decline of teen pregnancy and the increase in student and teacher attendance, etc. The America 2000 goal of a 90% graduation rate has already been reached. There is an atmosphere of excitement, pride, and caring in the school upon which many fine programs have been built. Because the program has been so successful at Armstrong, it has been selected for implementation throughout Richmond Public Schools. Today James River is working to move the program into two other high schools, one middle school and two elementary schools in the inner city. Additionally, the program has been implemented in several cities across the Commonwealth.

Today the partnership is flourishing. New and innovative activities are being jointly piloted in areas such as SAT preparation and School-to-Work Transition. The corporation announced their STAR (Students: Tomorrow's American Resource) program designed to spread the success of this program by encouraging their 127 local plants and facilities to get involved in education in their communities. The business/school partnership has received the Richmond First Award and the Virginia Governor's Award for Outstanding Business/Education Partnership for 1993.

## Armstrong High School's Community of Caring:

### A Success Story at a Glance

Pregnancies among 9th graders	12 in 1987-88 1 in 1991-92
Pregnancies among all students	36 in 1987-88 19 in 1991-92
Increases in test scores (percentiles) for same students in 9th grade in 1989, 10th grade in 1990, 11th grade in 1991:	
Mathematics	33rd in 1989, 37th in 1990, 39th in 1991
Reading comprehension	30th in 1989, 38th in 1990, 39th in 1991
Science	58th in 1989, 60th in 1990, 61st in 1991
Social studies	32nd in 1989, 34th in 1990, 42nd in 1991
Written expression	48th in 1989, 56th in 1990, 59th in 1991
Students promoted to next grade:	77.7 percent in 1987-88 83.9 percent in 1991-92 Goal of 87.0 percent in 1992-93 Goal of 90.0 percent in 1993-94
Students going on to 2-year and 4-year colleges:	47.2 percent of Class of 1989 48.3 percent of Class of 1990 56.1 percent of Class of 1991 59.3 percent of Class of 1992
Drop-out rate:	14.9 percent in 1988-89 10.3 percent in 1991-92
Students caught with drugs, alcohol or weapon at school:	0 from 1988 to present
Student attendance:	83.6 percent in 1987-88 85.9 percent in 1991-92
Teacher attendance:	5 teachers with perfect attendance in 1987-88 24 teachers with perfect attendance in 1991-92
Prominent graduates:	Governor L. Douglas Wilder Richmond Mayor Walter Kenney Richmond School Supt. Lucille Brown Max Robinson, first black anchor for network TV U.S. Circuit Judge Spottswood Robinson, III Admiral S. L. Gravely, Jr.
School Address:	1611 N. 31st Street, Richmond, VA 23223
School Principal:	George W. Bowser

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 7, 1994

Eunice Kennedy Shriver  
The Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation  
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Dear Mrs. Shriver:

I am delighted to receive your letter concerning the extension of Stan Herr's Kennedy Public Policy Fellowship.

I am confident that we can arrange contacts between the new White House Fellow and the Kennedy Foundation after Stan has returned to the University of Maryland. I also understand that Dean Gifford's response is positive and I look forward to Stan's continuing successful association with the Domestic Policy Council.

Please convey my warm appreciation to the Trustees of the Kennedy Foundation. With best personal wishes.

Sincerely,



Carol H. Rasco  
The Assistant to the President  
for Domestic Policy

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Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy

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March 1, 1994

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Dear Ms. Rasco:

Thank you for sending me the Report on Prevention of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities. I am happy to see that progress in this area is continuing and, perhaps, increasing.

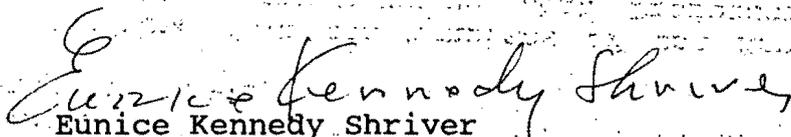
I am pleased with the contributions Stan Herr has made as a Kennedy Public Policy Fellow on your staff, and that you are satisfied with his work. His has been a successful Kennedy Public Policy Fellowship.

I think that the Trustees of the Kennedy Foundation will accept your recommendation that Professor Herr continue his Fellowship for an additional six months, until January, 1995. I know from Stan that you will have him working on health care reform as it impacts persons with mental retardation, welfare reform including the prevention of teen pregnancy and therefore some causes of mental retardation and issues relative to civil rights and the implementation of the Americans with Disabilities Act from the point of view of persons with mental retardation. I hope that the new White House Fellow you have is someone who we can work with to fully implement these issues, after Stan has returned to the University of Maryland.

We will communicate your request and our support to Dean Gifford at the University of Maryland Law School.

Thank you, as always, for your support for persons with mental retardation.

Sincerely,

  
Eunice Kennedy Shriver

THE WHITE HOUSE

Dear Mrs. Schuier,

What a wonderful write up in the Delta  
airlines current in-flight magazine on  
the Special Olympics! I thoroughly enjoyed  
it.

Sincerely,  
Carol W. Rasco

6 March 1947

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

TO: Stan Herr

FROM: Carol H. Rasco

SUBJ: Letter to Mrs. Shriver

DATE: December 1, 1993

Rosalyn has shared your request to have the letter to Mrs. Shriver retyped. However, given the attached letter I recently received from her I see no reason to redo the letter. In the meantime, I have sent her another note, handwritten, telling her about receiving the plaque from Kennedy Krieger, and I received a phone call from her office thanking me so much for taking the time to write her.

Thank you.

*Eunice Kennedy Shriver*  
**The Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation**

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November 16, 1993

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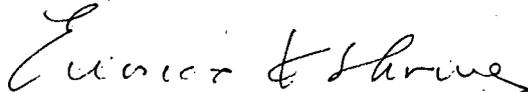
Thank you for taking the time to fill me in on Stan's progress on helping to improve the lives of persons with mental retardation.

I am so surprised you have the time to keep me abreast with all that is going on in your office every day. I'm so impressed with your dedication and competence in keeping the needs of persons with mental retardation in the Clinton Health Bill. Thank you very much.

We will stay in touch with Stan.

Please, always feel free to give us a call if we can be of any assistance.

Affectionately, *+ wife and mother.*



Eunice Kennedy Shriver

OFFICE OF DOMESTIC POLICY

THE WHITE HOUSE

THE OFFICE OF: **CAROL H. RASCO**  
**ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT**  
**FOR DOMESTIC POLICY**

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October 26, 1993

Eunice Kennedy Shriver  
The Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation  
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Dear Mrs. Shriver:

Thank you for your letter of September 20th following our meeting, which apparently crossed in the mail with my letter to you.

I wanted to let you know how valuable Stan's services continue to be for me and the Domestic Policy Council. As you know with the range of my responsibilities, I would not be able to direct as much attention to the concerns of persons with mental retardation and their families without Stan's assistance. I take every opportunity to acknowledge publicly our appreciation for the Foundation's generosity in enabling us to have the benefit of his knowledge and expertise.

One of those opportunities occurred when recently toured the Kennedy Institute in Baltimore. We were particularly impressed at the Annual Meeting of the Arc in Providence and spoke at the closing plenary session. I enclose the Arc program which identifies his role as a Kennedy Foundation Fellow. I have asked him to again represent us when he delivers opening remarks at a meeting of the Rehabilitation International in Atlanta today. Most of his energies these days have been directed to advising me on health care reform. He has also consulted extensively with our new executive director of the President's Committee on Mental Retardation. I know that he has also brought to the attention of various agencies and individuals your excellent publication on the ADA and employment of persons with mental retardation, and offered your staff some suggestions on how it can reach a wider audience. Stan also helped with the President's Proclamation on National Disability Employment Awareness Month. These are only some of the highlights of what has proved a most productive and congenial fellowship arrangement for the White House and myself.

We appreciate your kind remarks about President Clinton's leadership and the many ways in which you are supporting the entry of people with mental retardation into the mainstreams. I look forward to our continuing association. With best wishes.

Sincerely,



Carol H. Rasco  
Assistant to the President for  
Domestic Policy

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Enclosure

DRAFT LETTER FOR MRS SHRIVER AS YOU REQUESTED -- please edit freely; this is not easy for me to do.

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This letter is also intended to update you on some of Stan's recent activities. On October 9th, he represented the White House at the Annual Meeting of the Arc in Providence and spoke at the closing plenary session. I enclose the Arc program which identifies his role as a Kennedy Foundation Fellow. ~~Next week~~, I have asked him to again represent us when he delivers opening remarks at a meeting of Rehabilitation International in Atlanta <sup>tomorrow</sup>. Most of his energies these days have been directed to advising me on health care reform, ~~and refining our plan~~. He has also consulted extensively with our new executive director of the President's Committee on Mental Retardation. I know that he has also brought to the attention of various agencies and individuals your excellent publication on the ADA and employment of persons with mental retardation, and offered your staff some suggestions on how it can reach a wider audience. Stan also helped with the President's Proclamation on National Disability Employment Awareness Month. These are only some of the highlights of what has proved a most productive and congenial fellowship arrangement for the White House and myself.

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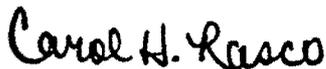
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(SIGNED)

Carol H. Rasco  
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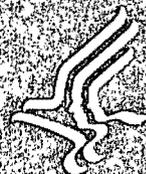
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*April 1987*

# Report to the President

## The National Effort to Prevent Mental Retardation and Related Developmental Disabilities



**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**  
Administration for Children and Families  
President's Committee on Mental Retardation

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September 20, 1993

Carol Rasco  
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Dear Ms. Rasco:

Thank you very much for the time and attention you gave us today. It is wonderful seeing someone advising the President who knows, firsthand, the joys and challenges persons with mental retardation bring to families. It was obvious to me that Stan Herr will be of value to you during his Kennedy Public Policy Fellowship year. We learned a great deal from your assessment of the issues we brought to you.

We will send you the materials developed by our expert panel for Judy Feder. The three most important issues in dental care for adults with mental retardation continue to be:

- 1) poor training of dental practitioners;
- 2) inadequate reimbursement for time it takes to serve many people with disabilities;
- 3) lack of coverage.

We have spoken to Ira Magaziner about the need to train primary care physicians and dentists about adults with mental retardation. The purpose is not to make them experts, but to give them enough training and experience so that they are willing and able to provide treatment in their practice when they complete residency training. The University Affiliated Programs have helped to provide such training for practitioners serving children. They need to be given the statutory authority and funding to develop this capacity for adults.

We will work on a strategy for health alliances to use in providing consumer information about access to care for persons with mental retardation.

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September 20, 1993  
Carol Rasco

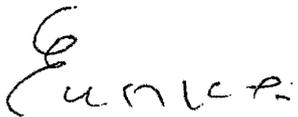
We are working on access to volunteer service by persons with mental retardation, and will continue working with Peter Edelman on those issues. We will speak with our program in Maryland about opportunities under the new law.

The Community of Caring program continues to be a bridge between diverse points of view in pregnancy prevention, and the development of responsible behaviors in adolescents. We want to be a part of any initiative of the Clinton Administration on teen pregnancy, and we appreciate your offer to mention our approach in speeches you will be giving. We will get you another t-shirt! The Foundation is quite interested in prevention of mental retardation, and the Community of Caring is one of three major initiatives we fund in this area.

We will keep in regular contact, through Stan Herr. As people with mental retardation continue their move into the mainstream of American society, Presidential leadership will be crucial to their success. I know President Clinton is interested in helping people with mental retardation, and we look for his leadership in the future on these issues.

I look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,



Eunice Kennedy Shriver

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Eunice Kennedy Shriver  
President

April 5, 1994

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Dear Ms. Rasco:

Thank you for the interesting and inspiring meeting last week. I am most appreciative of your support and thorough understanding of the comprehensive steps needed to encourage teens not to become pregnant.

I am also enclosing two letters from our Community of Caring schools in South Hill, Virginia and West Terra Haute, Indiana. These schools are doing some wonderful work.

I look forward to speaking with you soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Eunice Kennedy Shriver".

Eunice Kennedy Shriver

Enclosures  
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March 16, 1994

Dear Keith,

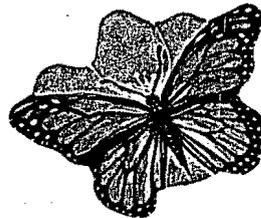
I just had to write to tell you how successful our Teen Forum was. I followed your guidelines to the letter and what a wonderful day we had. Miss Virginia challenged our teens to "Dare to Dream" and joined several of the group sessions. They loved the group sessions and are already asking me when can we do it again? Dr. Chapman, our superintendent spent most of the morning with us. This is the first time that he has been present for any of my work with Community of Caring but he supports me verbally with his weekly newspaper column. Press coverage was good. I wrote the articles ahead of time and gave the news media time for pictures....

Listen to me just going on and on.....You can tell that I am really happy with our program. It is WORKING!

I hope that you are doing well. Let me hear from you. I appreciate all that you have done for me and I appreciate your encouragement and support. Thanks!

Fondly,

Jean  
Jean Taylor





**West Vigo High School**  
*Community of Caring School*

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March 25, 1994

Mrs. Eunice Kennedy Shriver  
Community of Caring Inc.  
1350 New York Ave., Suite 500  
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mrs. Shriver,

West Vigo High embarked on the journey to "Community of Caring" certification at the beginning of our 1993-94 school year. We feel that we have exceeded our first year anticipated success of this program. We have not only been successful in integrating values discussion across the curriculum but also in the incorporating of community services into our educational process. In addition, we have completed two successful teen forums. Our fall teen forum addressed respect for cultural diversity and our spring teen forum addressed teen pregnancy, date rape and health related issues.

We are most excited about our upcoming Spring Fling Faire. This Faire will feature a schoolwide thematic Medieval activity bringing Medieval culture to modern times. During the school year teachers have integrated community services as a part of "Learning for All", a school based systemic plan for service learning.

We will culminate all these activities with an afternoon Medieval Faire on May 6, 1994. The activities will begin at 12:00 and run until the end of the school day at 3:20pm. A complete itinerary will be made available as soon as all activities are organized by the Advanced English students who will, under the direction of Mrs. Penny Redlin, become the facilitators of the afternoon learning activities. We will have every discipline represented in the various activities. We envision this Faire to provide a celebration for our students, a learning experience for the community.

We cordially invite you to come join our celebration and share the success we have achieved on this journey to "Community of Caring" certification. Our school is located approximately one hour and fifteen minutes from the Indianapolis airport. We do have a regional airport in Terre Haute, approximately twenty minutes from our school. we would like for you to mark your calendar and look forward to seeing you, again.

Sincerely,

Kathy Miller

Mrs. Kathy Miller, Teacher

Rosa Lee Weir

Mrs. RosaLee Weir, Media Specialist

Penny Redlin

Mrs. Penny Redlin, Teacher

Cheryl Dean

Mrs. Cheryl Dean, Teacher

James H. Jackson

Mr. James Jackson, Principal

## Armstrong High School's Community of Caring:

### A Success Story at a Glance

Pregnancies among 9th graders	12 in 1987-88 1 in 1991-92
Pregnancies among all students	36 in 1987-88 19 in 1991-92
Increases in test scores (percentiles) for same students in 9th grade in 1989, 10th grade in 1990, 11th grade in 1991:	
Mathematics	33rd in 1989, 37th in 1990, 39th in 1991
Reading comprehension	30th in 1989, 38th in 1990, 39th in 1991
Science	58th in 1989, 60th in 1990, 61st in 1991
Social studies	32nd in 1989, 34th in 1990, 42nd in 1991
Written expression	48th in 1989, 56th in 1990, 59th in 1991
Students promoted to next grade:	77.7 percent in 1987-88 83.9 percent in 1991-92 Goal of 87.0 percent in 1992-93 Goal of 90.0 percent in 1993-94
Students going on to 2-year and 4-year colleges:	47.2 percent of Class of 1989 48.3 percent of Class of 1990 56.1 percent of Class of 1991 59.3 percent of Class of 1992
Drop-out rate:	14.9 percent in 1988-89 10.3 percent in 1991-92
Students caught with drugs, alcohol or weapon at school:	0 from 1988 to present
Student attendance:	83.6 percent in 1987-88 85.9 percent in 1991-92
Teacher attendance:	5 teachers with perfect attendance in 1987-88 24 teachers with perfect attendance in 1991-92
Prominent graduates:	Governor L. Douglas Wilder Richmond Mayor Walter Kenney Richmond School Supt. Lucille Brown Max Robinson, first black anchor for network TV U.S. Circuit Judge Spottswood Robinson, III Admiral S. L. Gravely, Jr.
School Address:	1611 N. 31st Street, Richmond, VA 23223
School Principal:	George W. Bowser