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## Board of Education

Public Library Building

KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, Oct. 31, 1911.

Mr. E. S. McAnany,  
Attorney, Board of Education,  
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed you will find communication relative to the location of the Garrison School on south Eighth Street.

This matter has long been a bone of contention and the Board has put forth every effort to satisfy all parties concerned. For a period of 2 years this school was maintained in a rented store building on south Seventh Street. This was vacated by the Board after hearing several delegations of patrons relative to its location on a car line.

The Board then took up the matter of securing a new site during the vacation of 1910. At one meeting of the Board, would appear a delagation of negroes asking that a certain location be obtained; and at the next would appear a body of the white residents protesting against the location of this school in their midst.

As several locations had been investigated and rejected as unsuitable, the Board finally rented property at 348 south 8th Street and converted a residence situated thereon into a building suitable for school purposes, it being understood at the time between the Board of Education and the colored patrons that this would be satisfactory, until such time as the pupils residing in the district increased in number to such an extent as to justify the erection of a larger building.

The number of pupils this year according to the census is approximately the same as last, and the Board had leased this property for two years in any event; yet at the beginning of the present school term the patrons refused to send their children and a delegation again appeared before the Board, at the meeting of September demanding that the Board fill in the low land around this building, claiming that the dampness caused by the foregoing condition was a menace to health. Permission was obtained from the above property owners as well as the owner of 348 south 8th Street, and the land was filled in in the best manner possible under existing conditions. Notwithstanding all this it seems that the patrons of this school have seen fit to take the matter up as you will note by the letter above referred to which as yet has not been heard by the Board. I am sending same to you in order that you may have the advantage of looking up the matter before the Board meets, November 6th.

Respectfully yours,

WAS/K

  
Clerk.