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# Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Commission



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Granby High School  
7101 Granby Street  
Norfolk, Virginia

Monday, October 4, 2010  
1:00 p.m.

## AGENDA: WORK SESSION — Media Center

1. **Call to order**—The Honorable Henry L. Marsh, III, *Chairman*
2. **Introduction of Commission, Subcommittee members and preliminary remarks**—*Chairman*
3. **Staff Status Report**  
*Mrs. Brenda H. Edwards, Senior Research Associate*  
*Division of Legislative Services*
4. **Partnership and Expenditure Review Subcommittee**—*Dr. Kirk T. Schroder, Chairman*
  - Report on Expenditures
  - Discussion and Recommendations on Future Collaborations and Expenses
5. **Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Subcommittee**—*Dr. Robert C. Vaughan, III, Chairman*
  - Report on and Evaluation of the Lincoln Symposium
  - Discussion and Planning for the Sesquicentennial of the Emancipation Proclamation
    - Proposal for Slave Burial Ground/African American Cemetery Project  
*Dr. Michael L. Blakey, Lincoln Subcommittee Member and Director, W&M Institute for Historical Biology*
6. **Special Subcommittee on the 50th Anniversary of Public School Closings**  
*Senator Henry L. Marsh, III, Chairman*
  - Charlottesville Visit and Town Hall—December 7, 2010
  - Arlington Visit and Town Hall
  - Prince Edward County Visit and Town Hall
7. **Documentary and Book: "They Closed Our Schools"**  
*Mr. Brian Grogan, Producer, Mercy Seat Films*
8. Directions to Staff
9. Other Business
10. Next Meeting Date
11. Adjournment

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# Special Subcommittee on the 50th Anniversary of Public School Closings in Virginia



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## Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Commission Brown v. Board of Education Scholarship Awards Committee

### TOWN HALL — 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Granby High School Auditorium Mr. Marvin Lake, *Moderator*

#### *"The Impact of Massive Resistance: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow ~ A Public Conversation"*

1. **Call to order**—The Honorable Henry L. Marsh, III, *Chairman*
2. **National Anthem**—Norview High School Chorus
3. **Welcome**
  - Paul R. Riddick, Norfolk City Council
  - Dr. Rick Bentley, Superintendent, Norfolk Public Schools
4. **Purpose of the Town Hall and Introduction of Moderator**—*Chairman*
5. **Rules Governing the Town Hall**—Mr. Marvin Lake, *Moderator*
6. **Massive Resistance in Norfolk: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow**—Mr. Marvin Lake, *Moderator*
7. **Invited Speakers: Reflections**
  - **Member of the Norfolk 17**  
**Dr. Patricia Turner**, Norview High School graduate and Norfolk Public Schools retired teacher
  - **Lost Class of 1959**  
**Mr. Mike Aschkenas**, member of the Granby High School Class of 1959; retiree of the Department of the Navy; currently, member of the Virginia Beach Commission on Aging Project Lifesaver and Light Rail Now and Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia
  - **Norfolk 17 Teacher**  
**Mr. Charles S. Corprew, Jr.**, retired Principal, Norfolk Public Schools; teacher of the Norfolk 17 at First Baptist Church; first African American president of the Education Association of Norfolk; currently, Chairman of the Board of the Norfolk federal Teachers Credit Union
  - **Norfolk Businessman**  
**Mr. Harvey L. Lindsay, Jr.**, Chairman, Harvey Lindsay Commercial Real Estate; signer in January 1959 of young businessmen's petition to Norfolk City Council to reopen public schools; father a signer of the petition by 100 of Norfolk's leading businessmen to reopen public schools; past member of the Board for Dominion Virginia Power, Norfolk University Foundation, Tidewater Scholarship Foundation, and Hampton roads Economic Development Alliance
  - **Ruth Pendleton James, a minor, etc., et al, v. J. Lindsay Almond, Jr., Governor of Virginia**  
**Mr. Ellis James**, retired Norfolk insurance agent; brother of the plaintiff; currently, member of the Norfolk Environmental Commission
  - **Norfolk Public Schools: Senior Government Class Project**  
**Ms. Christonya B. Brown**, Senior Coordinator of Social Studies, Norfolk Public Schools
  - **Students and Faculty**
8. **Comments and Dialogue by Attendees**
9. **Closing Remarks**—*Chairman*  
*(Attendees are welcomed to remain for a short power point presentation by Norfolk Public Schools)*
10. **Adjournment**

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