

Statements of Support from Additional Historic Sites and National Park Service Affiliated Areas

“Recognizing Hockessin Colored School #107 as an affiliated area of the National Park System is a fitting tribute to Delaware’s unique role in the *Brown* decision,” **said the Honorable Collins J. Seitz, Jr., Chief Justice of the Delaware Supreme Court.** “Of the five cases appealed in *Brown*, the Delaware decision in *Belton v. Gebhart* – requiring the immediate admission of African American students to schools attended by white children – was the only appeal affirmed by the Supreme Court.”

“The family of Louis L. Redding commends the preservation of these historic schools as reminders of the hard-won rights of African Americans to equal access in education,” **said JB Redding, on behalf of the family of Louis L. Redding, Delaware’s first Black attorney and the lawyer who argued the Delaware school desegregation cases.** “Further, their existence serves as a reminder that the struggle for full implementation of these rights continues.”

“With the path to the infamous *Brown v. Board of Education* beginning its genesis in Summerton, South Carolina, with the *Briggs v. Elliott* case, the Clarendon School District One’s Board of Trustees and residents of the local community are humbled and honored to have two historic facilities entrusted to the National Park Service,” **said former Superintendent Barbara Champagne of Clarendon County, South Carolina.** “The designation of the Summerton School and the Scott’s Branch School is steeped in the authentic American story of the journey for equality and equity. The voices of those courageous men and women who were given the vision for better opportunities and for equitable resources will not remain silent or forgotten. Instead, their voices will echo through the annals of history as a reminder of what can be achieved through determination, perseverance, and faith.”

“The Robert R. Moton Museum is excited to join with communities involved in the historic *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka* decision. In seeking to become an affiliated area of the National Park Service, we know this affiliation will allow us the opportunity to better collaborate with other communities involved in the historic *Brown* decision as we work to ensure that countless individuals have the opportunity to know of the courage and sacrifice that citizens made towards equality in education,” **said Cameron D. Patterson, Executive Director of the Robert R. Moton Museum in Farmville, Virginia.** “The Moton Museum Board of Trustees, Moton Museum Community Council, and our partner institution Longwood University in offering their support towards this effort, recognize that the resources and benefits offered from this affiliation with the National Park Service will only strengthen our ability to fulfill our mission as a museum.”