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1959 Petition Campaign and —

YOUTH MARCH FOR INTEGRATED SCHOOLS

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Dear Student Leader,

We are writing to tell you about the Youth March for Integrated Schools and to ask that you take steps to make it known to your student body and to secure the fullest possible participation from your school.

Last October 25th, 10,000 young people assembled in Washington, D.C. to make a solemn affirmation of their support for equal education and for the integration of the schools. Many of these young people were students. Most of them came from schools and colleges on the eastern seaboard. Negro and white were present in almost equal numbers.

On this day, at a mass gathering at the Lincoln Memorial, the young people pledged to return to Washington, and to invite young people from across the nation to come with them. They promised also to circulate on a nation-wide scale a petition urging the Government to move forward in the task of speedy integration of the schools.

(Additional committees in formation)

The time to launch this petition campaign and to prepare for the 1959 Youth March is here. Enclosed you will find a copy of the Call to the 1959 Youth March, and a copy of the Petition which we are urging young people wherever they may be to sign and circulate.

Treasurers

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We urge you to give immediate thought to the publicizing of this movement on your campus, and to securing full student participation.

Coordinators

BAYARD RUSTIN
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Copies of the Call and the Petition are available from the Youth March office--as many as you need. Our campaign begins at a time of deepening educational crisis in our country. Our moral affirmation for the democratic ideal of equality and in support of the Supreme Court decision of May 17, 1954 is needed--now!

We wish you Godspeed in mounting a successful campaign that will enable American youth to speak out on the greatest moral issue of our time; that will enable us to make our own personal contribution to the advancement of brotherhood and the realization of the Christian purpose.

Sincerely,

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