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Dear Colleagues:

The Mississippi Freedom School Project, in which the UFT participated this past summer, will continue through the rest of the year....although its scope will be somewhat limited because of the sizeable decrease in staff.

Six N.Y.C. teachers, along with scores of other volunteers from all over the country, are remaining or returning to Mississippi to carry on the Freedom School program.

In some areas, the schools will supplement the student's regular education by providing remedial instruction in reading & math in addition to teaching subjects not available in Mississippi schools, i.e. Negro History, Science, Modern Language, etc. In other areas, the schools will replace public education facilities that close down completely (as anticipated) rather than comply with federal court orders to de-segregate.

Most of us are not in a position to volunteer our time and skills to teach in Mississippi... BUT WE CAN ALL HELP IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

ADOPT A FREEDOM SCHOOL

Your school faculty or UFT chapter could provide enormous help by "adopting" a Mississippi Freedom School. This would entail:

1. Raising funds to help sustain volunteer teachers. (It costs about $100.00 a month to cover a person's living expenses.)
2. Collecting needed supplies and materials. (See enclosed list).
3. Establishing a "Pen Pal' correspondence between your students and the Freedom School pupils.
4. "Adopted" Freedom School teachers will correspond with all "parent" schools or UFT chapters regularly, informing them of the School's developments, needs, achievements, etc.

HELP SUSTAIN VOLUNTEER TEACHERS

If you cannot commit yourselves to "adopting" a Freedom School, then perhaps you could simply undertake to collect funds to help sustain the professional teachers who will be working in Mississippi throughout the year.

All contributions should be sent to:

UFT-Mississippi Teacher Fund
300 Park Avenue South
New York City

Receipts will be issued.

Thank you for whatever help you can give.

Sincerely,

Sandy Addickes - Norma Becker

Sandy Addickes & Norma Becker
for the UFT Mississippi Volunteers

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We are interested in "adopting" a Mississippi Freedom School. Please send more detailed information.

School.....

Address.....

Name of Coordinator.....

Tel. No. .....

We would like a Mississippi volunteer to speak at our faculty or UFT chapter meeting.....

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Materials Needed for Mississippi Freedom Schools

1. Books, Films, related to Civil Rights, Negro History, Government, Citizenship, etc.
2. SCHOOL SUPPLIES
   paper
   pencils, pens, sharpeners, ink, erasers
   crayons, magic markers, paints & brushes
   blackboards, chalk, erasers
   rulers, scissors, paste, glue
   scotch tape, thumb tacks, staplers, staples, paper clips
3. RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT
   games, puzzles
   radios, phonographs, records
   clay, arts & crafts materials
   baseballs, bats, gloves, basketballs, volleyballs, footballs, etc.
   table tennis, badminton
4. OFFICE EQUIPMENT
   typewriters
   duplicating machines with ink and stencils
   tape recorders & tapes
   file cabinets
5. CLOTHING & GENERAL ITEMS FOR MISSISSIPPI RESIDENTS
   winter & summer clothing (in usable condition)
   non-perishable food
   tools - of all sorts
   linens & blankets

Wherever possible goods should be sent directly to Mississippi. If your group is participating in the "Adopt a Freedom School" program, goods should be sent directly to your correspondent. Otherwise goods should be mailed to

Eric Morton
COFO
1017 Lynch St,
Jackson, Mississippi

If it is not financially feasible for you to ship the goods to Mississippi, please bring them to:

Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC)
100 Fifth Ave. (15th St.)
N.Y.C.