

# Freedom Schools

## Appendix 1

To Mr. Smith, the Principal, and the Members of Faculty of Ruleville Central High School.

Dear Sir or Madam:

We, the members of the Ruleville Student Action Group, all students of Ruleville Central School, wish to bring to your attention the following plan of action.

We have decided to postpone the picket in order to give you time to meet these demands:

1. We want to receive a full account of how the money we earned picking cotton was spent.
2. We want teachers to take the lead in demanding better education for students in Ruleville and elsewhere in Mississippi. This means that teachers should demand:
  - a. More money for education (especially for Negro education).
  - b. Better libraries.
  - c. A free lunch program.
  - d. Integrated schools.
3. We want opportunities in this school for student clubs--drama clubs, etc.
4. We want a Student Government elected by all the pupils.
5. We want students who volunteer to do such jobs as washing up or peeling vegetables in the cafeteria in their free time to be paid.
6. Most of all, we demand that our teachers set an example of good citizenship to the community and register to vote.

If these demands are not met in reasonable time, we shall take direct action.

On behalf of the Ruleville Student Action Group.

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