

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

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Commission
Brown v. Board of Education Scholarship Committee
General Assembly of Virginia



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REPORT OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE

The Honorable Mamie E. Locke, *Steering Committee Chairwoman*

The Honorable Henry L. Marsh, III, *Chairman*

The Honorable Rosalyn R. Dance, *Vice Chairwoman*

The Steering Committee met on October 14, 2009, in Richmond for the purpose of planning the commemorative events, continuing its deliberations concerning the collection and preservation of public school and official records from the school desegregation era in the Commonwealth, and establishing a budget for the Special Subcommittee's consideration. Further, it was the consensus of the Steering Committee that the commemorative theme adopted by the Special Subcommittee should be re-considered to reflect social progress and hope for the future. Suggestions were offered for the re-wording of the adopted theme, and members were asked to submit other suggestions to staff for the Steering Committee's consideration.

Theme adopted by the Special Subcommittee—"A History We're Still Living"

The following suggestions were made:

1. "Massive Resistance: A History to Overcome"
2. "Massive Resistance: Overcoming Challenges of the Past, Embracing a Vision for the Future"
3. "Massive Resistance: Learning from the Past, Living the Present, and Taking Responsibility for the Future"
4. "Massive Resistance: Navigating From a Fearful Past to a Promising Future"
5. "Massive Resistance: Consequences of Fear, Promises of Hope"
6. "Massive Resistance: Revisiting a Dark Past, Aspiring for a Bright Future"
7. "Massive Resistance: Learning From a Dark Past, Living the Present, and Taking Responsibility for the Future"
8. "Massive Resistance: A Nightmare of Our Past, Replaced by the Challenge of Our Dream"
9. "Massive Resistance: Reconciling Our Past with the Present and Our Future"

Of the members responding, the preference is #3.

Proposed Budget

The Steering Committee considered each of the commemorative activities to identify those with a fiscal impact and estimated, based upon other similar legislative initiatives, the costs associated with each item. Preliminarily, approximately \$27,000 will be needed to execute the Subcommittee's initiatives for the commemoration, understanding that additional costs may be incurred. (See matrix attached)