

#201-C Rabbits' Purry
S.C.

March 15, 1944

Miss Phyllis M. Morris
R. F. D 1 Box #85
Lewes, Delaware

Dear Miss Morris:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 14 suggesting the change of the name of your school from Rabbit's Ferry to Robinsville and asking how this may be brought about. I think if you would present to the State Board of Education a petition signed by the voters of your community headed by members of the Board of Trustees requesting the change there might be a possibility of bringing it about.

Sincerely yours,

H. V. Holloway
State Superintendent

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Sewes, Delaware
March 14, 1944

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Dr. H. V. Holloway
State Superintendent
Dover, Delaware

Dear Dr. Holloway:

We the children of Rabbits Ferry School, want to know what procedure we would have to go through, to get back the former name of our school, which was Robinsonville. Rabbits Ferry isn't a very dignified name. Robinsonville sounds better.

Enclosed is a self addressed envelope for a reply.

We would greatly appreciate your suggestion.

Respectfully yours,
Thyllis Morris
Evelde Morris
Gladys F. Johnson
Halter Johnson
William Wright
Auth Morris
William Wright
Sylvester Miller
William Miller
(pupils)

October 8, 1943

Mr. Joseph S. Johnson, Clerk
Rabbit's Ferry School #201
Harbeson, Delaware

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Your letter to the Permanent Budget Commission asking for an additional \$15.00 has been turned over to our office as that commission requests all such requests to pass through this office. In complying with your requests we are asking that commission to transfer \$15.00 from a closed school to yours.

As soon as we hear from them we will advise you.

Sincerely yours,

H. V. Holloway
State Superintendent

HVH:ew

Harrison, Delaware
October 3, 1943

Permanent Budget Committee
Dover, Delaware

Dear Sirs:

Due to the increase in price
of coal we find that the
amount set aside for Rabbits
Ferry School ^{#201} for fuel, will
be insufficient.

Therefore, we should like to
know if there is a possibility
of our getting \$15.00 from your
committee to add to our fuel
allotment.

Respectfully yours,
Clerk Joseph D. Johnson
Chairman Charles J. Johnson

Dear Dr. Holloway:—

AUG 27 1943

Due to some cause or other we have had quite a lot of trouble in getting our bills paid for Rabbit's Ferry School. In fact, we have never had any success unless we addressed our mail to you. We sent quite a lot of letters to Mr. J. O. Adams and never an answer would we receive, so that's why we are sending this letter directly to you. We like to pay the bills for this school as quickly as possible — for the people want to be paid as soon as possible. So, if you are kind enough to see if this is taken care of, we will appreciate it very much.

Yours
18th
Zurnet bill owed to you

Thank You
Trustees

STATE OF



DELAWARE

Department of Public Instruction

DOVER, DEL.

October 21, 1941

Secretary of the Board of Trustees

Rabbit's Ferry School District # 201 C

This is to advise you that at the request of the State Board of Education, the Permanent Budget Commission has approved the transfer from the Salary Increment Account to the various salary appropriations of your district as follows: Administrative Control \$; Instructional Service \$75.00; Operation and Maintenance \$.

These amounts should be added to your budget for salaries for 1941-42.

Sincerely yours,

H:L

H. V. Holloway, Secretary

February 3, 1938

Miss Gladys V. Street
Rabbit's Ferry School Dist. #201-C
Harbeson, Delaware

My dear Miss Streets:

Mr. Adams has turned over to me your letter of February 1 regarding the two trustees, father and son, on your local board. There is no legal provision preventing two members of the same family serving on the board.

Very truly yours,

RJ:V

State Supt. of Public Instruction

cc. - Judge Richards.

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AUG 10 1937

Department of Public Instruction

DOVER, DEL.

July 30, 1937

BOARDS OF EDUCATION AND BOARDS OF
SCHOOL TRUSTEES OF KENT & SUSSEX COUNTIES

Gentlemen:

Following the procedure established last year for the opening of school, the normal date for the opening this year, and the date selected, is Wednesday, September 8th. This date being rather late in the month, thus putting the closing of school well into June, some trustees have requested that they be permitted to open their schools on Wednesday the 1st of September, thus making it possible for their schools to close a week earlier in the spring in order to permit children to assist in picking the strawberry crop.

Will you please indicate in the blank at the bottom of this letter the preference of your Board and return the answer to this office.

Sincerely yours,

H. W. Holloway

HVH:V

State Supt. of Public Instruction

Please check one of the following:

Rabbit's Ferry — *201* district desires to open its school on
September 8th.

_____ district desires to open its school on
September 1st.

Signed

Joseph L. Johnson
Clerk of the Board

Lewes Del.
Aug. 13th 1936.

AUG 14 1936

Mr H. V. Holaway
we have elected
Joseph S. Johnson for
clerk from

Charles S. Johnson
chairman.
Lewes Del. Route
2 box 87.

8201

August 4th, 1936

school trustees sent to
J. Johnson was appointed
this year. On your
indicated that John L.
the Certificate as
inted, will you please
and let us know your

yours,

State Supt. of Public Instruction.

J:B
cc:CR

August 4th, 1936

Mr. Charles T. Johnson, Chairman
Board of School Trustees
Rabbit's Ferry School, Dist. #201-C
Lewes, Delaware

Dear Sir:

The notification of the appointment of school trustees sent to us by Judge Richards indicates that Joseph S. Johnson was appointed to replace John L. Johnson whose term expired this year. On your Certificate of Board Organization you have indicated that John L. Johnson was elected Clerk and he has signed the Certificate as Clerk. Since John L. Johnson was not reappointed, will you please select a Clerk from the members of your Board and let us know your selection as soon as possible?

Very truly yours,

State Supt. of Public Instruction.

J:B
cc:CR

SUPREME COURT
OF THE
STATE OF DELAWARE

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JUDGES' CHAMBERS

CHARLES S. RICHARDS
ASSOCIATE JUDGE

GEORGETOWN

201 /
August 8th, 1936.

Dr. H. V. Holloway,
Supt. of Public Instruction,
Dover, Del.

Dear Sir:

The person appointed by me as a member of the Board of School Trustees, for Rabbits Ferry School District, to take effect July 1, 1936 was Joseph S. Johnson. John L. Johnson was the person whose term expired and I appointed Joseph S. Johnson in his place.

Yours very truly,

CSR:L



April 16, 1936

Miss Gladys V. Street
Teacher of the Rabbit's Ferry School
Harbeson, Delaware

Attention of the Seventh Grade:

Your letter of April 3 asking that the name of your school be changed from Rabbit's Ferry to Robinsonville has been received. Might I suggest that your grade prepare a petition to the State Board of Education, making this request, and that you secure the signatures on that petition of the school children and the voters of the district and send it to this office. I shall then present the petition to the State Board of Education with a recommendation that your request be complied with.

Very truly yours,

State Supt. of Public Instruction

HVH:J

APR 6 1936

Rabbits, Ferry.
Newes, Dela.
April 3, 1936.

Mr. H. V. Holloway
State Superintendent
 Dover, Delaware

Dear Mr. Holloway:

While working on the unit of
"How Our Community Grew" the 3rd. grade
found that at one time a post office stood
on the corner across from our school. The name
of this post office was Robinsonville.

Then too, the 5th. grade located
this school on the map of Delaware by Frank-
lin Survey Co. and found that it was called
Robinsonville school. We have found no reason
why this school was named Rabbits
Ferry. Therefore, we think the more appropriate
name for it would be Robinsonville. We wish
to know if it is possible to have the
present name of the school changed to Robinsonville.

yours truly,
7th. grade.



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

DOVER

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

H. B. KING
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

April 30, 1953

Dr. Miller
(Office)

Re: Colored School Enrollments - Grades 7-9,
September 1953

Dear Dr. Miller:

Attached is the letter which was presented to the State Board of Education at the April meeting of the Board with the recommendations for approval of the State Board of Education relative to the closing of the 7th and 8th grades especially in the one and two-teacher colored schools of Sussex, Kent, and New Castle Counties beginning September 1953. Attached also is the letter that was sent to the one and two-teacher schools in the area surrounding the William C. Jason High School. Replies have been received as indicated below:

I.	<u>School</u>	<u>Grade</u>	7	8	9
195-c	Ellendale		6	3	2
196-c	Milton		6	10	10
202-c	Friendship		5	1	3
203-c	Warwick		2	4	6
222-c	Greenwood		11	7	8
224-c	Hollyville		4	4	1
225-c	Warwick		5	3	3
			<u>39</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>33</u>
	Total		71	33	104

II. We have had no reply from Slaughter Neck to date. Did not contact Lincoln District #194-c. This school has already grades 1-6, and we are only interested where we will send the seventh grade. No action of the State Board is necessary here, but I need the action of the State Board to reduce the Slaughter Neck School, which at present is a three-teacher school, to grades 1-6 so that the overflow of the Lincoln School could be transferred to Slaughter Neck School.

III. Did not contact the Georgetown area since this is a special district but understood that the Georgetown Special District was willing to send the 7, 8, and 9th grades to Jason.

IV. Lewes

198-c	Nassau	0		
197-c	Drawbridge	0		
201-c	Rabbit's Ferry	4 plus (1?)	3	3
200-c	Rehoboth	6		
		<u>10</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

Total 13 3 16

The question mark represents only one parent in all of these schools who was unwilling because of time and distance to send the child to Jason.

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V & VI. Need no action from the State Board of Education

VII. No effort has been made to date, as stated before, because of building conditions to change the situation in the schools surrounding the Seaford area and the Laurel area. I understand that Seaford feels they could take the 7th and 8th grades from Blocksom and Concord.

Kent County: We would like to have the authorization to reduce the Reeve's Crossing School to six grades. We did not reduce this school last year because we had no job for the teacher. We have a position now for the teacher, and we could do this without any objections.

New Castle County: Delaware City School #118-c, would like to have the authorization to reduce this two-teacher school to grades 1-6.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "H. B. King".

H. B. King
Asst. Supt. in Charge of Elem. Schools

HBK/s

State Board
April
King



STATE OF DELAWARE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

H. B. KING
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

February 10, 1953

Dr. Miller
(Office)

Dear Dr. Miller:

Re: Enrollments Colored Schools in Sussex County
January 30, 1953

Dear Dr. Miller:

This tabulation on enrollments is presented for the purpose of making recommendations for the closing of the 7th and 8th grades in as many of the one and two-teacher schools as possible and removing grades 7 and 8 from the Slaughter Neck School which now has grades 1-8 with three teachers. The purpose, of course, is to give the boys and girls in these schools enriched opportunities in larger school units as well as to give the children remaining in grades 1-6 a better opportunity as far as the school curriculum is concerned. Would recommend that as many 7th and 8th grades as possible should be taken out of these schools and sent to the William C. Jason School at Georgetown. The 9th grade children from Slaughter Neck, Millsboro, Frankford, Selbyville, Bridgeville and Lewes have been attending the Jason School and will continue to do so. The 10th grade people from Laurel, Seaford, and Milford will continue to attend the Jason School. Reducing the grades from 1-8 to 1-6 will in no way interfere with whatever area of schools will be built in the future or even the consolidations that may be effected later on.

My recommendations for each individual school district are as indicated below. Before the grades in any one school are officially reduced by the State Board of Education, a letter should be sent to the trustees informing them of the plans that are being recommended for their individual school district.

School	Gr. 1	2	3	4	5	Total	6	7	8	Total
Sept. 1953										
I. Milford Area:										
193-c Slaughter Neck	(15)	15	6	13	7	10	51	10	12	34 Jason
194-c Lincoln	(17)	17	11	7	21	15	71	11		11

The Lincoln School at the present time has an enrollment of 82 children. It is a two-teacher school with grades 1-6. If we were able to take the 7th and 8th grades out of Slaughter Neck and transfer the 5th and 6th grades to the Slaughter Neck School, we could get along probably without building an additional room in this area for the present at least.

195-c Ellendale	(7)	7	5	5	4	1	22	6	3	2	11 Jason
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Recommend that this school be reduced to grades 1-6 and the children from 6th, 7th, and 8th grades sent to the Jason School.

School	Gr. 1	1	2	3	4	5	Total	6	7	8	Total	
Sept. 1953												
196-c Milton	(12)	12	6	9	9	12	48	6	10	10	26	Jason

This school should be reduced to six grades, and the present children in grades 6, 7 and 8 sent to Jason School.

II. Lewes Area:

198-c Nassau	(6)	6	13	4	7	6	36	-				
197-c Drawbridge	(4)	4	6	5	9	2	26	3			3	Jason
201-c Rabbit's Ferry	(5)	5	6	8	6	4	29	6	3	3	12	Jason
200-c Rehoboth	(11)	11	6	3	13	7	40	7			7	Jason

Nothing can be done with Nassau now as they have grades 1-5. In Drawbridge the 6th grade should go to Jason, also the 6th grade from Rabbit's Ferry with grades 7 and 8. Rehoboth now has grades 1-6 with two teachers. The 7 children in the 6th grade should go to Jason. Certainly it would be a good thing to find out whether or not Lewes would like to give up their 7th and 8th grades and send them to Jason.

Richard Allen - Georgetown	(9)	9	8	10	9	14	50	10	7	6	23	Jason
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Would recommend that this be a school with grades 1-6 and the present grades 6, 7 and 8 be sent to Jason. *7th annual year?*

III. Millsboro Area:

204-c Millsboro	(24)	24	33	19	20	23	139	14	13	11	38	
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Millsboro School now has grades 7 and 8 in it and probably the 7th and 8th grades here will be continued next year.

224-c Hollyville												Jason
202-c Friendship	(3)	3	2	-	3	3	11	4	1	2	7	Jason
225-c Warwick	(3)	3	3	3	-	6	15	6	4	3	13	Jason
203-c Warwick	(5)	5	2	3	4	5	19	2	4	7	13	Jason

Would recommend that Hollyville, Friendship, and Warwick #225 and #203 be reduced to grades 1-6; grades 6, 7 and 8 in these schools to go to Jason.

IV. Frankford Area: No recommendations at this time since the new building is under construction and will be available in September. No recommendations for the 7th and 8th grades at the present time.

V. Selbyville Area: Have no recommendations in regard to the Selbyville School.

226-c Williamsville - the upper grades from the Williamsville School are now enrolled in Selbyville.

VI. Bridgeville Area: No recommendations for Bridgeville.

222-c Greenwood	(11)	11	4	11	8	7	41	9	6	7	22	Jason
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Recommend that Greenwood School should be reduced to grades 1-6, and the children now in grades 6, 7 and 8 should be sent to Jason.

Dr. Miller

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School

Gr. 1 1 2 3 4 5 Total 6 7 8 Total
Sept. 1953

VII. Laurel Area: No recommendations for Laurel

214-c	Portsville	(2)	2	1	4	3	4	14						
212 $\frac{1}{2}$ -c	Delmar	(2)	4	2	3	3	2	14	5	1	1	7	Laurel	
213-c	Owens Corner	(9)	9	9	10	5	9	42	4			4		
215-c	Ross Point	(6)	6	2	4	6	6	24	-	-	2	2	Laurel	

During the past year Owens Corner was reduced to grades 1-6. The Portsville School has also grades 1-6. Delmar has grades 1-8 and Ross Point 1-8. These two schools could be reduced to grades 1-6 and the children transported to Laurel provided Laurel could accommodate them.

VIII. Seaford Area:

216-c	Concord	(11)	11	7	10	5	7	40	7	6	9	22	Seaford
218-c	Blocksom	(13)	13	7	3	5	9	37	3	3	5	11	Seaford

Concord and Blocksom Schools both have grades 7 and 8. These schools could be reduced to six grades and the present (6th, 7th, and 8th grades could probably be taken care of in the Seaford district if their building is approved and completed.

SUMMARY

STATE BOARD UNITS - 1 and 2-teacher Schools:

School	Gr.	6	7	8
Slaughter Neck (3-teacher)		10	12	12
Ellendale		6	3	2
Milton		6	10	10
Drawbridge		3	-	-
Rabbit's Ferry		6	3	3
Rehoboth		7	-	-
Hollyville)				
Friendship		4	1	2
Warwick #225		6	4	3
Warwick #203		2	4	7
Greenwood		<u>9</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>
Total		59	43	46

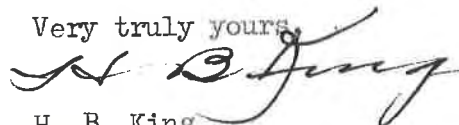
SPECIAL DISTRICTS:

Richard Allen (Georgetown)	10	7	6
Lewes	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>15</u>

* Grand Total	69	50	67	Total	186
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* These will be the children for grades 7, 8 and 9 for September 1953. When we take into consideration the drop outs and the schools probably which do not wish to go along with this plan, we may have 150 children left, which Dr. Shilling and I believe could be taken care of satisfactorily in the Jason School.

Very truly yours,



H. B. King

HBK/s
cc: Dr. Shilling

Asst. Supt. in Charge of Elem. Schools

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R. L. HERBST
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May 19, 1953

King
all referred
See memo for map

Members of the State Board
of Education

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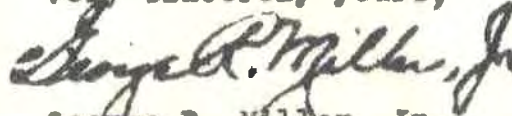
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I have the results of the survey at hand and will present them at the next Board meeting for your review. This method is being used to expedite the organizing of the Jansen and other colored schools for the coming year.

Thank you for your immediate response.

Very sincerely yours,



George R. Miller, Jr.
Secretary

GRM/b

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I approve



I disapprove

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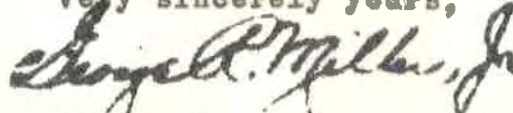
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 7/20/53

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MAY 21 1953

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Since it is clearly indicated from the survey we have made that this arrangement will be satisfactory to all of the people involved, save one, will you be good enough to indicate your approval of this plan in the space provided below?

I have the results of the survey at hand and will present them at the next Board meeting for your review. This method is being used to expedite the organizing of the Jaseen and other colored schools for the coming year.

Thank you for your immediate response.

Very sincerely yours,

George R. Miller, Jr.
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I approve *James M. Tunnell, Sr.*

I disapprove _____

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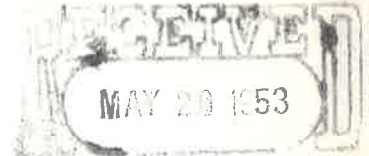
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May 19, 1953



Members of the State Board
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Dear Board Member:

At one of our previous meetings the matter of the transfer of certain children from the small junior high school organizations of certain colored schools in Sussex County was presented to the Board. The plan that was discussed was the transfer of pupils above the sixth grade in the coming year to the William C. Jason School. The following schools were involved: Ellendale, Milton, Friendship, Warwick 203-c, Greenwood, Hollyville, Warwick 225-c, Georgetown Special District, Slaughter Neck, Rabbit's Ferry, and Rehoboth.

We have made a very careful check of the sentiments of both parents and children and there has been only one person to indicate that he was unwilling to send his child to William C. Jason School.

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I approve

George Coulson

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King

June 11, 1953

Dr. H. B. King
(Office)

Dear Dr. King:

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Rehoboth

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