

SPRINGBROOK HIGH SCHOOL
Valley Brook Drive
Silver Spring, Maryland

February 16, 1968

William Simpson
1014 Devere Drive
Silver Spring, Maryland

Dear Mr. Simpson:

As you are already aware, serious problems developed between the Montgomery County Education Association and the Board of Education which resulted in a number of teachers remaining away from their schools.

On February 2, 1968, when our student body learned that several of the other high schools were closed because of insufficient teachers, a few students here planned a walk-out. The Principal learned of these plans and action was taken to minimize the effectiveness of a student walk-out. By and large the great majority of our student body responded to the situation with cooperativeness and self-restraint, contrary to prevalent rumors. We regret, however, that this was not the case with a few of our students. Some took advantage of the situation and did not attend their classes, and a few others went so far as to leave the school building either in support of or in protest to the action taken by a few of our teachers. As you can see, with the large number of students housed here, it is imperative that we do not allow this kind of situation to develop. The safety of every person in the building is our concern and responsibility.

The teachers in charge report that Craig was not in class or classes during this time. We have made an effort to constructively counsel with these students on the seriousness of this matter and would hope that you would also see the seriousness. May we solicit your help in taking whatever action you deem necessary in seeing that this does not occur again.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas P. Marshall
Thomas P. Marshall
Principal

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