CALL TO ACTION: Support Expansion of Brown v. Board of Education Scholarships

CTTT-RVA's Reparations Working Group has joined the frontlines of the fight for racial equality and repairing what has been broken as a result of the lasting impact of the legacy of slavery. Our first action; providing support to the descendants of the students impacted by the closing of schools in Prince Edward, Charlottesville, Norfolk, Warren and Arlington County, where state public education funds were rescinded due to desegregation between 1954 and 1964.

The **Brown v. Board of Education Scholarship Program** provides scholarships that may be used to cover the costs of required academic fees, in addition to tuition and textbooks already provided by state law, and graduate study at the masters and doctoral levels, as determined by the Awards Committee.

See full Bill here: **02/28/09 House: Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB1893ER)**

We are seeking support from the Attorney General to amend the definition of "an eligible student" which was the primary reason why it was not extended to their descendants in the bill in 2009. The original proposal brought to the Governor and General Assembly by a resident of the Commonwealth included the children, as well as the grandchildren. This action requires no appropriation by the state as there are already funds remaining in the Brown Scholarship Fund that could be allocated for the children.

The Reparations Circle is working on leading a "Letter Write in Campaign" to ask the Brown v. Board of Education Scholarship Committee members and the General Assembly Chairs if they would extend the scholarships to the children as well as the grandchildren. Per the Attorney General's office's opinion, the Brown Scholarship Committee will raise this issue in its next meeting to vote on bringing it to the General Assembly.

Want more information on how you as CTTT-RVA members can take action to provide support?

Click Here to Contact Us and start your message with Brown v Board Scholarship.

Get Involved! Take Action! Support the Dismantling of Systemic Racism and Inequality!

Thank you in Advance for your Support!

Sincerely,
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