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ARLINGTON'S FIGHT FOR EDUCATIONAL EQUALITY

Welcome to our panel discussion commemorating the 37th anniversary of school desegregation in the State of Virginia, which occurred February 2, 1959 at Stratford, now the H-B Woodlawn Program.

10:20 Introduction: Ray Anderson, Principal, H-B Woodlawn Program

10:22 Introduction of Panelists: Dusty Horwitt, Moderator

10:25 Members of the Panel:

Elizabeth Campbell, former Arlington County School Board member (1948-1956, 1960-1964) and chairman of Arlington's Desegregation Committee which produced a plan to implement the *Brown* decision in 1956.

Dorothy Hamm, leader of a group of Arlington parents and students in a lawsuit to desegregate Arlington schools.

Jim Stockard, former Arlington School Board member (1956-1968).

O. Glenn Stahl, former Arlington School Board member (1948-1949) and president of the Arlington Committee to Preserve Public Schools (1958, 1959-1961), a citizens' group that fought to keep public schools open when state law required the closing of any school under court order to integrate.

Evelyn Syphax, Arlington Public School teacher for 22 years who taught in both segregated and integrated schools and taught the first four students to desegregate Virginia schools at segregated Langston Elementary. Mrs. Syphax served on the Arlington County School Board from 1980-1984.

Ronald Deskins, Michael Jones, and Gloria Thompson, three of the first four students to integrate Virginia's schools at Stratford Junior High on February 2, 1959. The fourth student, **Lance Newman**, lives in California and is unable to participate today.

11:20 Questions from the audience

11:30 Closing remarks and reception