

NAACP Education Caucus to meet Tuesday to discuss school litigation

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When you come to the second meeting of the NAACP Education Caucus Wednesday at 8 p.m. at Dellabrook Church, this is what will happen: The meeting will start precisely on time with the singing of all three stanzas of the Black National Anthem "Lift Every Voice and Sing." We will have an invocation by the Rev. Donald Jenkins, pastor of Saint Paul United Methodist Church. A New Testa-

ment reading from Matthew 1:1-17 will be done by the Rev. Dr. Paul Lowe, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church. Part of the reason for the prayer is to emphasize that the Caucus is a church based movement to organize the entire black community on the issue of public education for our children.

Ms. Irma Jackson, clerk of the caucus and a science teacher at Parkland High School, will give the minutes, welcome and a brief statement of purpose. An excerpt from "The Autobiography of Frederick

Douglas" will be read to place our struggle in its historical context.

Each of the nine sections (parents, teachers, students, administrators, professional support staff,

and clerks are, when and where they'll regularly meet and what one or two of our seven overall goals (five long-term, two short-term) their section wants to focus on. The

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vocational, support staff, legal action, pastors and other religious professionals and business) will take two-and-a-half minutes each to report. Mainly, they'll be telling us who their permanent moderators

congregation will have two-and-a-half minutes per section for comments and/or questions (no speeches). This will take about 45 minutes.

The moderator will lead the next portion of the meeting. Most

importantly, he will ask the caucus to make a commitment to the two short-term goals, which are: to sue the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools for intentionally resegregating the district; and simultaneously, to embrace and enhance the all-black schools that are left in the historically African American community to ensure that they work for our children. People will have had a month to think and pray the depth of the commitment to and the care of these short term goals.

This lawsuit will take five-10

years or more to fully pursue and will cost, minimally, between \$250,000-\$330,000. Even more significantly is the lifestyle difference required of us in order to organize the whole black community in order to embrace and enhance our schools. It will mean dividing the black community into quadrants. Churches and businesses within each quadrant must help our schools by raising money; lobbying the school system for whatever the

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