

Before I received my notice that told me I was going to the Holmes School, I thought I was going to be bused. I thought that nothing would happen. One day on the news I heard about all of the being stoned. I really got scared, and I didn't want to be bused. Then I got my notice that told me I was going to the Holmes. I was relieved, because the Holmes School was right around the corner from my house.

When I heard I was going to an integrated school I felt better because I thought it would be nice to have some white friends because some of the black people thought they were the best in the land.

This year is almost over, but it has been a very good year for me because of the teacher I had this year, Mr. Mulkern. He is a very good teacher. He yells a lot but if he didn't the kids wouldn't listen to him. He has taught me about being responsible for my own things and a lot of other things I didn't know. He told me how it would be next year. That is why he is trying to get me to form good study habits. He said that if there was going to be a 7th grade in the Latin School, we would have homework every day and from every class we went to. We didn't really know if there was going to be a 7th grade in the Latin School til Saturday, May 10 at 6:00 in the evening. So he is telling us to study because those teachers won't be reminding us about our homework. If we don't do it next year we will get an "E" on our report cards.

But this year has been a very rewarding year. We are going on trips, having parties, and as long as we do our work, Mr. Mulkern will take us places. But if we give him a hard time, he will make us work until we learn what we have to learn. I can't say I blame him.

As for next year, I am looking forward to coming to the Holmes School for the 7th grade, because I like this school, and I think it has very good teachers.

My mother said once that we're going to move. She said she was tired of living in that apartment house. She said she was going to buy a house. But then the people put the price higher, and it wasn't worth it, so we didn't move again.

I am glad she didn't because then I would probably be bused to school, and I would rather walk around the corner to school than to catch a bus and ride to school.

Next year I am looking forward to coming to the Holmes and I hope to have Mr. Mulkern as a teacher because I doubt that I passed the Latin test. That test was kind of hard, for me at least. So next year I think I'll be coming to the Holmes School.