

Passow in his advice to the Board and in his public statements to the community. We need to have support for this reorganization effort at all levels, and thus we request the assistance of this Committee in the development of appropriate salary legislation.

In closing, I would like to thank this Committee for its attention and consideration. The Superintendent would have like to have been here to present this personally but he has confidence that you will help us to get the salaries we need to be able to bring the school system to the point which I know you want us to achieve, also.

Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Dowdy. Thank you. Is there any other statement?

Mr. WASHINGTON. That concludes our statements.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS

Mr. Dowdy. I had a question or two. There is some information which was given to our Committee hearing—I believe it was two years ago—which indicated that 43.3 percent of all teachers in the District of Columbia schools were temporary. What percentage of the teachers are temporary now?

Dr. CARROLL. At the present time it is about 30 percent. I think I have the exact figure—32 percent. The number of temporary teachers hit 48 percent shortly after that figure, in 1967, the following year.

Mr. Dowdy. I knew it later went above 43 percent.

Dr. CARROLL. So a new system of becoming probationary was introduced—which what we call a contract—a teacher would sign a contract promising to complete the requirements to become probationary within a two-year period and so this really does not change much. I would say 45 to 48 percent is still the realistic figure.

Mr. Dowdy. Around 48 or 50 percent of them still really are temporary?

Dr. CARROLL. Certainly over 40 percent are still in that category.

Mr. Dowdy. Then the 32 percent of the total number of temporary teachers really has not been reduced?

Dr. CARROLL. Not in any appreciable amount, no, sir.

Mr. Dowdy. I believe the number in 1965-66 was 2,470 and the current number is 2,426 and the 2,426 does not include the probationary teachers?

Dr. CARROLL. No, it does not include the probationary teachers.

Mr. Dowdy. How many are probationary teachers? Do you have that information?

Dr. CARROLL. Do you have that?

Mr. WEINBERG. According to a report of October 19, 1967, Mr. Chairman, there were 2,428 probationary teachers.

Mr. Dowdy. What is your total number of teachers now? I have 7,511, is that right?

Mr. WEINBERG. Yes, this is on an actual count from data processing, sir.

Mr. Dowdy. So almost 5,000 of that 7,500 are either temporary or probationary?

Mr. WEINBERG. Yes. The breakdown that we have shows a little higher percentage of temporary teachers. It would be 2,426 temporary