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Dear Fellow Citizen:

We have a very important office to fill in the 1954 Alabama elections. This office is that of State Superintendent of Education. I am certain that all voters want to know as much as possible about the candidates. That is the reason I am enclosing the platform of Dr. A. R. Meadows, former State Superintendent of Education and now Superintendent of Education in Madison County, Alabama. Please study his platform and talk with your associates about him. I would consider it a personal favor if you would present it to the organizations of which you are a member and to your friends. If other copies are needed they will be sent upon request.

While State Superintendent of Education, Dr. Meadows recommended and supported the increased school term from eight months to nine months in all state supported schools. This act eliminated the practice of short school terms for some children and long terms for others and placed all children in the state of Alabama on equal terms. He supported education at all levels. It was under his administration that the Trade School at Wenonah, Alabama was established; appropriations were increased for higher education and professional education.

It has been my good fortune to work under his direction for the past two years. I have found him to be fair and honest in his dealing. He has been just as interested in problems on the local level as he was in those of the state level.

He has the endorsement of many people and organizations. May we expect your help in making him State Superintendent of Education in the coming elections?

Your support will be highly appreciated.

Yours for making Alabama the Number One State in Education,

Charles W. Orr

*World to come down and talk with you about the candidate sometime before the primary go immediately after.*