

In conclusion, let me express my sincere appreciation to the Salisbury State Teachers College—to its president, its administrative staff, its faculty and its students—for inviting me here today to take part in these dedicatory ceremonies. As teachers and prospective teachers, I exhort you to face with courage and determination the great task that lies before you, and, as your Governor, it will continue to be my great satisfaction to work with you in your noble undertaking.

REMARKS, STATE TEACHERS CONVENTION BALTIMORE

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I am most grateful to Mr. Raver and to the members of the committee on convention arrangements for inviting me to come here again this year to bring greetings to the many thousands of Maryland school teachers who have met in Baltimore for the ninety-fifth annual convention of the Maryland State Teachers Association.

As I approach the end of the term of office to which I was elected four years ago, I should like also to acknowledge my indebtedness to the officers of this Association, to State and local school officials, to the leaders of parent-teacher organizations and to other educators for the guidance they have given me in formulating the policies and carrying out the laws providing programs of public education in our State.

Just last week, I had the opportunity to sit down with such a group for a very interesting and very informative discussion of subjects of vital concern to you, and to all of the people of the State.

In the conference were Dr. Thomas G. Pullen, Jr., our State Superintendent of Schools; Dr. David W. Zimmerman, his deputy; Dr. Paul D. Cooper, Assistant State Superintendent; Mr. Robert Y. Dubel, the Associate Executive Secretary of this Association; Peter A. Wimbrow, of Worcester County, representing the Maryland Association of Boards of Education; Mrs. Robert E. Jaspersen representing the Maryland Library Association; John E. Yingling, President of the Maryland Association of School Superintendents; and Mrs. Kathleen Robie, President of the Maryland Congress of Parents and Teachers. Together, we talked about two highly significant proposals which have been endorsed by your legislative committee and which will be before you at this convention; namely, a plan to change the formula for the distribution of State aid to education and the recommendation of a commission appointed