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Dear Teachers & Educators:

The case of *Dred Scott v. Sanford* is one of the most important decisions ever handed down by the Supreme Court, and played a critical role in the course of the nation's history. The Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race & Justice is committed to the notion that questions of race and must be incorporated into school curricula at all levels and we believe the *Dred Scott* decision provides a unique opportunity for teachers to broach this important topic with students of all ages.

While the content of the conference will be delivered by scholars, attorneys and jurists, we believe it will also provide the basis for curriculum development. We are working with a nationally recognized educational agency to follow up on the conference by developing a specific curriculum component on the decision which will provide a means for considering questions of race in both historical and contemporary contexts. We therefore encourage teachers and educators from all levels to attend the conference and invite a limited number with particular interest and/or experience in curriculum development to join us for a teachers' luncheon on Friday, April 6th to begin this process.

If you are interested in participating in this luncheon, please send an email to houstoninst@law.harvard.edu, providing a brief description of your current position and your experience in curriculum development. Space for the lunch will be limited, but we hope to include a cross section of geography and grade level. Regardless of your ability to participate in the lunch or even attend the conference, we will be making the curriculum available later in the year.

Sincerely,

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