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EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

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LENA VERN DANDRIDGE, ET AL.,  
Plaintiffs,

CIVIL ACTION NO.: 14,801

VERSUS

SECTION: "A"

JEFFERSON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD,  
ET AL.

JUDGE: JAY C. ZAINY

Defendants.

**AGREED ORDER**

Considering the foregoing joint motion to supplement desegregation plan;

IT IS ORDERED that the outstanding desegregation plan in the instant lawsuit is hereby  
supplemented in the following manner:

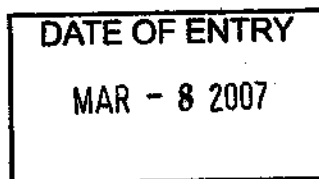
A. Defendant Jefferson Parish School District (the "School District") is hereby authorized to utilize magnet programs as a voluntary desegregation methodology and to make application to the United States Department of Education, Magnet Schools Assistance Program (the "Magnet Schools Assistance Program"), for grant funding to establish magnet schools.

B. The superintendent of schools of the Jefferson Parish School System (the "Superintendent") is hereby authorized to assign those school-site administrators, teachers and support personnel who express or otherwise demonstrate an interest and dedication to the magnet program or programs assigned to each school receiving grant proceeds through the Magnet Schools Assistance Program.

C. Teachers assigned to each school receiving grant proceeds through the Magnet Schools Assistance Program shall hold an appropriate certification through the Louisiana Department of Education for the grade level they will be assigned to teach.

D. The faculties assigned to each school receiving grant proceeds through the Magnet Schools Assistance Program shall have at a minimum the same percentage, with a plus or minus five percent deviation, of the teachers who hold post-graduate degrees and/or specialist certifications as of the commencement of School Year

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2007-2008 as does the group of teachers employed throughout the School District as a whole.

E. The racial composition of the teachers assigned to each school receiving grant proceeds through the Magnet Schools Assistance Program shall reflect the ratio of white to black teachers in the school system with a deviation of not greater or lesser than a plus or minus five percent.

F. Consistent with the requirements of the grant through the Magnet Schools Assistance Program, admissions to magnet schools funded through the Magnet Schools Assistance Program for students residing outside a magnet school's student attendance zone shall be limited in such a manner that such students residing on the east side of the Mississippi River shall be eligible for enrollment in magnet schools situated on the east side of the river and such students residing on the west side of the Mississippi River shall be eligible for enrollment in magnet schools on the west side of the river, such that the School District will not be under an obligation to provide transportation for magnet transfer students from one side of the Mississippi River to the other side.

G. Consistent with the limitation stated in Paragraph F above, the School District shall provide transportation at its cost to all students enrolled in magnet schools funded through the Magnet Schools Assistance Program who would otherwise be entitled to such transportation based upon existing policies of the School District and applicable state laws and/or regulations.

H. The School District shall refrain from, and shall not permit, the duplication of a magnet program funded through a grant from the Magnet Schools Assistance Program at any other school operated by the School District serving any of the grades served by magnet program schools receiving funding through a grant from the Magnet Schools Assistance Program.

I. The membership of the Jefferson Parish Public School System Task Force are hereby authorized to select a monitoring committee comprised of not less than three and not more than five persons with either prior teaching or education supervisory experience or parents with children enrolled in the Jefferson Parish School System at the time of selection who shall be authorized to monitor implementation of the magnet programs funded through the Magnet Schools Assistance Program. The monitors shall receive monthly reports from the School District regarding the implementation of the magnet

programs, and be entitled to offer suggestions and comments to, and to periodically meet with, the Superintendent and School District personnel charged with the implementation of the magnet programs.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the parties herein are directed, if at all possible, to file a joint report with the court not later than April 1, 2008, that will:

(A) identify conditions or facets of the operations of the Jefferson Parish School System (the "School System") in which pockets of inequality no longer exist and in which the School System's operations are in compliance with the Constitution;

(B) identify conditions or facets of the operations of the School System where further remedial action may be required to bring the School System into compliance with the Constitution; and

(C) provide the court with a proposed plan in the form of a consent order, prepared through good faith efforts conducted in close cooperation, that when fully implemented by the School District will bring the remaining facets of the operations of the School System into compliance with the Constitution.

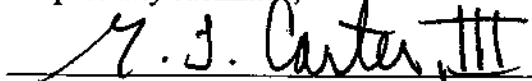
In the event the parties are unable to arrive at agreements in principle by December 1, 2007, they shall by that date request a status conference with the court for the purpose of establishing a discovery schedule and framework for litigating the remaining issues as to which agreement cannot be reached.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that counsel for the *Dandridge* Plaintiffs may submit periodic billing invoices to the School District for the payment of legal fees and costs incurred in the representation of plaintiffs. The invoices must contain sufficient descriptions of legal services rendered and costs incurred, billable in quarter-hour segments, at an hourly rate not to exceed the hourly rate applicable for attorneys with similar years of legal experience as provided for by the Louisiana Attorney General's Hourly Fee Schedule. In the event of any dispute as to an invoice entry, resort to the court may be had for resolution by the plaintiffs.

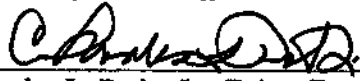
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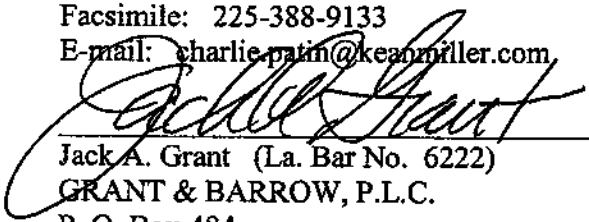
  
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