IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION, et al.,

Defendants.

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PROPOSED FINAL JUDGMENT AND ORDER

This matter came before the Court following a limited remand from the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit and upon the joint motion of the parties for entry of a final judgment and order holding that the commitments set forth in the parties' conditional settlement agreement cure any policy of unnecessary program duplication traceable to Maryland's *de jure* system of racially segregated public higher education, thereby fully and finally resolving the above-captioned lawsuit.

Having considered the parties' motion and the entire record, the Court will grant the relief requested.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Court has limited jurisdiction over this action, *Coalition for Equity and Excellence in Md. Higher Educ. v. Md. Higher Educ. Comm'n*, No. 06-CV-2773 (the "Action") for the purpose of issuing the present Order.

- 2. The Court finds that the parties' settlement is in the public interest.
- 3. The Court finds that the commitments set forth in the parties' settlement agreement cure any policy of unnecessary program duplication traceable to Maryland's *de jure* system of racially segregated public higher education, thereby fully and finally resolving the above-captioned lawsuit.
- 4. The Court dismisses the Action with prejudice. All parties are to bear their own costs, except as otherwise provided in the parties' settlement agreement.

ENTERED and ORDERED this 12th day of May, 2021.

Catherine C. Blake

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

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